RECORDS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE, OF BOSTON.

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At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Boston, held at Faneuil Hall March 17. 1815

School com.ee

The Town proceeded to the choice of a School Committee — when the Revd Charles Lowell, Revd. Horace Holley, Revd Samuel Cary, Aaron Dexter M.D. Thomas Welsh M.D. John C Warren M.D. Charles Davis, Jnr. Heard & Peter C. Thacher, William Smith, Francis J. Oliver & William Wells Esqrs were chosen.

Voted That the above named Gentlemen, who, conjunctly with the Selectmen, are termed, the School Committee, be, and hereby are, directed to carry the System of Education, adopted by the Town, into operation; and that the said Committee be also authorized and empowered conjunctly to manage and regulate the Government of the Schools; and to execute all the powers relative to the Schools and Schoolmasters, which the Selectmen, or such Committees, are authorized by the Laws of the Commonwealth, or by votes of the Town, to exercise.

Attest

Thomas Clark
Town Clerk

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1815.

Sub-com^ees

Sub-Committees of the Jeneral Schools for the year 1815

Latin School
Revd Samuel Cary
.. H. Holley
.. Ch. Lowell
Peter C. Thacher Esq
William Wells Esq

North Schools
Jonathan Hunnewell
Francis J. Oliver
John Heard J. Esqrs
Thomas Welsh M.D.

West Schools
Charles Bulfinch
Edmund Hart
Jos: Austin
William Smith Esqrs

Centre School
Benj. Weld
Robt. Williams Esqrs
Aaron Dexter M.D.
Eben: Oliver Esq

South School
Joseph Foster
Charles Davis
Joseph Lovering Esqrs
Jno C. Warren M.D.

April 7th
1815

At a Legal Meeting of the School Committee this day; Present, Messrs Bulfinch, Oliver Hunnewell, Weld, Williams, Hart, Foster, Cary, Welsh, F. J. Oliver, Thacher, Weles.

Secretary chosen. W. Weles Esq was chosen Treasurer and Secretary of this Committee –

Masters salaries. Voted That the Masters of the Reading & Writing Schools be continued in their present stations, at at the present salaries; they behaving themselves to the satisfaction of this Committee.

Ushers That the Secretary be directed to inform the Masters of the above Vote; & to request them to communicate to the Secretary, previous to the next meeting of the Committee, the names of the Ushers in their respective Schools.

Ushers choice of postponed That the choice of Ushers be postponed to the next meeting of the Committee

Grant to masters & ushers That a grant of One hundred Dollars to each of the Masters, and of fifty Dollars to each of the Ushers, due the first of March last, be paid to them.

1815

September 1st. At a legal meeting of the School Committee, held this day

Present Messrs. Bulfinch, E. Oliver, Dexter, Austin, Heard, Holley, Warren, Thacher, Williams, Wells

Latin Sch. master chosen. Voted unanimously, That Mr Benjamin A. Gould be chosen Master of the Latin School.

Gould's Petition — vacations. The Petition of Mr Gould respecting Vacations, having been taken into consideration,

Voted That the Committee do not find it necessary to make any alteration in this respect, but that they shall at all times be disposed to consider the health and convenience of the Master; and that the Sub-committee of the Latin School be authorized, at any time, to grant Mr Gould such an extension of the vacation, as they may judge compatible with the best interests of the School.

Schools number of scholars. That the Masters of the several Schools be directed to make a return; on or before the first day of November next, of the number of Boys and Girls respectively, who have attended their school during the six Months preceding the 20th of October, and of the number of Boys at present in their School.

West School. That the Sub-committee of the West School be desired to enquire into the state of that School, and also into the conduct of the Usher.

1815 December 9th. At a legal meeting of the School Committee, held this day

Grant to masters & Ushers. Voted That the grant of One hundred Dollars to each of the Masters, and of Fifty Dollars to each of the Ushers, for the half year ending September 1st 1815, be paid to them.

Latin Sch. That Messrs. Bulfinch, Weld, & Davis be added to the sub-committee of the Latin School, to constitute a Committee to report on the necessity of an additional Usher of the Latin School.

1816.

March 22nd 1816 At a legal meeting of the School Committee, held this day ——

Present Messrs Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Warren Welch, Paxton, Williams, Phillips, Mottey, Bray Austin, Davis, Loring, Lowell, F. J. Oliver Thacher, Wells

Secretary — W. Wells Esq was chosen Treasurer & Secretary for the present year.

Masters & Ushers — Voted That the Masters and Ushers of the reading & writing Schools be continued in their present Stations; they behaving themselves to the satisfaction of the Committee.

Salaries & grant. — That the salary of One Thousand Dollars be granted to each of the Masters of the reading & writing Schools, and that a grant of Two hundred Dollars be made for the ensuing year.

That the salary of each of the Ushers be Six hundred Dollars, and the grant be One hundred Dollars for the ensuing year.

Masters perquisites — That the Chairman of each Sub-committee be desired to make enquiries respecting the perquisites of the Masters from private tuition, and of the hours they devote to their Pupils.

Examinations & Exhibitions — That the several Sub-committees be desired to regulate the publick Examinations and Exhibitions; consulting with the Masters according to their discretion.

That each Sub-committee be desired to take the publick Exhibition of the School under their care; as they may think best to promote the publick good.

That the Examination of the School be held when the Medals are given out; and that the Visitation day be considered a day of Exhibition.

That at the first day of the meeting of the School Committee after the Exhibition, each Master be made acquainted with the opinion of the Committee respecting the progress of his School.

That each Sub-committee be desired to make an Examination at least once a Quarter.

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1816

Arrangement of Sub-Committees for the year 1810

Sub-Com.ees

Latin School
Rev.d H. Holley
.. Rev.d Charles Lowell
P. L Thacher Esq.r
D.r Warren
W. Wells Esq.r

North Schools
Charles Bulfinch
John Bray
Jn.o Lauriat Esq.rs

Centre Schools
Rob.t Williams Esq.r
D.r Dexter
E. Oliver Esq.r
Rev.d Joshua Huntington

West Schools
Jon.a Hunnewell
F. G. Oliver
Jn.o Head Esq.rs
D.r Welch.

South Schools
Charles Davis
James Phillips
J. Lovering
Tho.s Higginson Esq.rs

May 3rd 1816 At a legal Meeting of the School Committee, held at the Selectmen's Room in Faneuil Hall

Present, Messrs Bulfinch Dexter, E. Cliver, F. J. Cliver Jno Heard Austin Hickey, Lowele, P. C. Thacher, W. Wells

Sch. comee member chosen to fill vacancy.

A Vote of the Town was communicated by the town clerk, notifying that the Revd Joshua Huntington was chosen a member of the Sch. Committee for 1816

Sch. House Mason St.

Voted unanimously That it be recommended to the Selectmen, to cause a Third Story to be added to the School-House now erecting in Mason Street, as highly important to the interests of the Town

June 28th 1816 At a legal Meeting of the School Comd held this day, Present Messrs Warren Huntington, Welsh, Ch. Davis, Wigglesworth Thacher, Wells.

Bent's petn South Boston Sch.

Upon a petition from Messrs Adam Bent Jno Deluce, & Abel Hewins, a Committee from the inhabitants of South Boston, for an additional Grant —

Voted That an additional grant of One hundred Dollars be made for the present year, making the whole grant Four hundred Dollars pr Ann: and also, That a grant be made of Five Cords of Wood.

August 23d 1816 At a legal meeting of the Sch. Comd held this day; Present, Messrs Bulfinch, E. Cliver, F. J. Cliver, Wigglesworth, Williams, Thacher, Wells, Lowele.

Latin Sch.

Upon the Report of the Sub Committee of the Latin School, Voted That the second Story of the School in School Street be appropriated to the use of the Latin School.

Adl. master

That the Sub committee of the Latin School be authorized to engage for the ensuing year an additional Assistant Master for the Latin School; at a rate not exceeding 500 Dollars pr Annum.

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October 11th 1816 At a meeting of the School Committee, held this day

Present Messrs Bulfinch, F. C. Oliver, Davis Austin Williams E. Oliver Huntington Thacher Holley, Wigglesworth Wells Welsh

North Sch. Voted That the Sub-committee of the North School be authorized to employ an assistant Usher during the present winter, if they see fit

Centre Sch. That the Sub-committee of the Central School be instructed to express to the Writing Master of the said School, their disapprobation of the manner in which the school has been conducted for sometime past; and to inform the said Master, that unless essential improvement should be made, they shall be under the necessity of removing him from said school.

Arrangement of School Committee for the year 1817

Sch. Comee Sub. Latin Grammar School

P. C. Thacher
Revd H. Holley
" Ch. Lowell
Dr John C. Warren
W. Wells

North Schools
Charles Bulfinch
Joseph Austin
Turner Phillips
Enoch Silsby Esq
Centre Schools
Eben. Oliver Esq
Dr Dexter
Revd M Huntington
B. Russell

West Schools
Jonr Hunnewell
Dr Welsh
F. J. Oliver
Samuel Dorr Esqrs
South Schools
Jos: Lovering
Charles Davis
Thos Wigglesworth
Henry Bass Esqr

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School Comee. At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, held at Faneuil Hall on Monday the 10th day of March 1817, the following Gentlemen were chosen on the School Committee for the year ensuing - viz
Revd Charles Lowell, Revd Horace Holley, Revd Joshua Huntington, Dr A. Dexter, Dr Thomas Welsh, Dr J. C. Warren, Charles Davis, Peter C. Thacher, Thomas Wigglesworth, F. J. Oliver, Mr Wells, Benjn Russell Esqr.

Voted That the above named Gentlemen, who, conjunctly with the Selectmen are termed the School Committee be and hereby are directed &c (in the usual form).

Attest, Thomas Clark, Town Clerk.

At a legal Meeting of the School Committee, held this day March 14. 1817

Present Messrs Bulfinch, Welsh, Silsby, Bass, Holley, Huntington, Dorr, Austin, Lowell, F. J. Oliver, Wells.

West & Centre Schools Voted That the sub committees of the West & Centre Schools be requested to make a report of the state of the said Schools at the next monthly meeting.

That each sub-committee of the Reading & Writing Schools be directed to visit their respective Schools before the first Friday in April next, and to report, if, in their opinion, any improvement can be introduced in the instruction of the younger scholars.

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April 11th 1817 At a legal meeting of the School Committee, held this day

Latin School

Voted That the Selectmen be requested to furnish for the Latin School, Arrowsmiths Maps of the World and of the United States, including Louisiana

Centre Sch.

That a grant of a Quarter's salary be made to the late Usher of the Centre School.

West Sch.

That the Usher of the West Reading School be considered as a person unsuitable for his present situation, & be no longer continued in that station.

That the Sub-Committee of that School be desired to take immediate measures to supply the place of said Usher.

Centre Sch.

That the Sub-Committee of the Centre Writing School having nominated Mr Belcher for Usher of that School — that he is approved by the Committee

Masters & Ushers

That the Masters and Ushers of the several Schools, with the exception above mentioned, be continued in their present stations; they conducting themselves to the satisfaction of the Committee.

June 12th 1817 At a meeting of the School Committee held this day.

Sunday Schools

On a petition from a number of the inhabitants who have engaged in superintending and supporting Sunday Schools, for the instruction and discipline of such children as would otherwise be idle, and wasting their time in the streets.

Sch. Houses for Sunday Sch.

Voted That the gentlemen associated for this purpose be permitted to make use of the School Houses in School Street & Mason Street, from 8 until 10 A. M. and from 1 to 3. o-clock on Sundays; that the Masters be desired to deliver the Keys to any one appointed by the gentlemen to the charge of the Schools.

Ware

An Application was received from Mr Jonathan Ware, which was read, considered, and acted upon by the following vote

Voted That the application of Mr Jonathan Ware, for a class of two hundred children, to be under his instruction for a term of four weeks, with a suitable room for their accommodation, cannot be granted, inasmuch as the Committee, being the guardians of the present system of Public education, and which has been, for many years, found to give satisfaction, cannot consent to disturb the regular course of instruction in the schools. The Committee recommend to Mr Ware to open a private school, in which he will be able to prove the efficacy of his system, and in that way introduce it to the attention of the publick.

June 18th 1817

Schools

Com.e on state of.

This meeting was called for the purpose of conferring and acting with a Committee of one person from each ward, on several subjects relative to the Schools. The petition to the Town was read, and the powers to the Selectmen to appoint the ward Committees; which are as follows.

Ward No. 1.	Henry J. Oliver.	No. 7.	Gideon Snow.
2.	Redford Webster.	8.	Jn.o Dorr.
3.	Jacob Hall.	9.	Sam. May.
4.	J. H. Braitt.	10.	David W. Child.
5.	Jos.a P. Hale.	11.	Isaac Stevens.
6.	Isaac Winslow.	12	Jos: Field.

Voted That the Ward Committees be divided into four Sub-Committees; each of which, accompanied by two members of the School Com.e, to visit one Reading and Writing School, to examine into the State thereof and report. The Division was made as follows

Members for Wards 1. 2. 3 for North Schools
with Rev.d Ch: Lowell & H. Wells Esq.r

" for Wards 4. 5. 6. for West Schools
with P. C. Thacher & F. J. Oliver Esq.rs

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Members for Wards 7. 8. 9. for Centre Schools
with Dr Dexter and B. Russell Esqr.
" for Wards 10. 11. 12. for South Schools
with Revd. H. Holley & Charles Davis Esq

Children who do not attend Sch.

Voted That each member of the Ward Committee be desired to visit every family in his ward, and to ascertain the number of Children that do not attend any School; the number of Women's Schools, and the number of their pupils & price of tuition; the number of men's private Schools, & number of their pupils.

Deaf & dumb

That the same gentlemen be desired to enquire into the number of deaf and dumb persons in each ward, and also the number of blind persons

That the following Citizens be invited to assist the Ward Committees in executing the above duty; viz

In Wards 1. 2. 3. Prince Snow, with H. J. Oliver
4. John Howe — J. W. Burditt
5. Henry Farnham — Jona. P. Hall
6. Ensign Lincoln, William Todd } Isaac Winslow.
7. Lem: Pope Jr, Jacob Kuhn } Gideon Snow
8. Francis Welsh, Saml. Parkman Jr } John Dorr.
9. Pliny Cutler — Saml. May
10. Sam. Norwood, Nehem: Somes, Thos. Somes } David W. Child
11. Henry Purkitt, Jabez Hatch } Isaac Stephens
12. Mr. Jackson, Frink Stratton } Joseph Field

Voted That the above Gentlemen be informed of their appointment by the Chairman, and that he request them to make their returns on or before Monday the seventh of July next, to which time this meeting is adjourned.

July 7. 1817. The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 16th. 5. P. M.

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July 17th 1817

Ware

At a meeting of the School Committee, and of the Citizens joined with them, held this day

Voted By the Sch. Committee,

That the following Gentlemen be a Committee to confer with Mr Jonathan Ware, and be authorized to adopt such measures with regard to his proposed system, as they may think proper

Wm H. Hotley, P. C.
Thacher, Ch. Bulfinch, T. J. Oliver, Benj. Rhodes, Esqrs

That the same gentlemen be also a Committee to arrange the returns from the Ward Committees against the next meeting.

September 19th 1817 At a Meeting of the School Committee held this day

Ware's System

A Report was read from the Committee for ascertaining the merit of Mr Jonathan Ware's System of instruction. This Report, at very considerable length, and disapproving the introduction of this system into the Schools of this town, was accepted.

North Schools

Voted That a Committee of three persons be added to the Committee of the North Schools, with sub powers to displace any Master or Usher of the said School, Mr Tileston excepted; and to employ another or others in their place, until the next meeting of this Board: and that the additional Committee be, Messrs Dorr, Wm H. Hotley & T. J. Oliver; and to report.

Primary Sch. October 30th 1817 At a meeting of the Sch. Committee held this day The report of the Sub-Coms. was read, to whom were referred the returns of the Committees of the several Wards, and who were instructed to consider "The expediency and necessity of establishing within the town, at the public expence, Primary Schools for children under the age of seven years; and also of increasing the number of Mens & Writing Schools for children above that age": having examined the several returns and collected all the information upon the subject — Voted That this report be accepted.

At a Meeting of the School Committee, held this day.

Voted That Mr Lovering, Dr Dexter and Mr Dorr be a Committee to report the present state of the School in South Boston.

South Boston Sch.

That the Secretary be desired to inform Mr Little, the Master of the North Reading School, that the Committee will dispense with his services, at the expiration of the present Quarter.

North Sch.

That the Secy be also desired to inform Mr Bailey, usher of the said School, that the Committee will dispense with his services at the expiration of the present Quarter.

Usher dismiss.

That the present Master of the School for coloured children in West-Boston, be dismissed from his office.

Coloured Child.

February 18th 1818 At a meeting of the School Comte held this day.

Letters of Resignation were read from Mr Little, the Master, & Mr Bailey, the Usher, of the N. School

North School master & usher resign.

Voted That their Resignations be accepted.

That Mr Nathaniel Storrs be chosen Reading Master of the North Schools.

Master chosen

That the Sub-Committee of the N. Schools, and also of the Centre Reading School be authorized to chuse an Usher for each of those Schools, and be desired to attend to the same as soon as possible

That the Master of the School in South Boston be put in point of salary upon the same footing as the Ushers of the publick Schools; to commence with the next Quarter.

South Boston Sch.

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At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston holden at Faneuil Hall on the 9th day of March 1818

School Com.ee

Voted That in addition to the Selectmen, twelve persons shall be now chosen, as a School Committee; and the Votes being collected, it appeared that the following Gentlemen were chosen

Dr A. Baxter	Charles Davis
" Welch	J. J. Clarke
" Warren	P. C. Thacher
Rev Ch. Lowell	Wm. Wells
" H. Holley	Benj. Rufsell
" Josh. Huntington	Henry J. Oliver Esqrs

Voted That the above named Gentlemen, who, conjunctly with the Selectmen, are termed The School Committee be and hereby are &c &c

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March 19. 1818 At a legal Meeting of the School Committee held this day —

Latin Sch. Master &c.

Voted That the Master, Sub-master, and Ushers of the Latin School, and the Masters and Ushers of the Reading & Writing Schools be continued in their present stations during the present year; they behaving themselves to the satisfaction of the Committee: and that the present salaries be continued.

Voted That the Sub-committees be directed to visit their respective Schools once in each month, and that they attend to the younger classes and suggest any improvement in their mode of instruction, which may appear practicable.

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May 15. 1818 At a legal Meeting of the School Committee of the Town of Boston, held this day

School houses on building Adt.

Voted That in the Opinion of this Committee, farther accommodation is necessary for the Instruction of the Children of the town at the public Schools

That two additional buildings ought to be erected for publick Schools

That a Committee of three be chosen to locate situations for the additional Schools; the following gentlemen were chosen

Hon: Jona. Hunnewell
Benj. Russell
Charles Davis Esqr

Usher qrs salary

That an additional Quarters salary be granted to Mr Jos: Bailey, late Usher at the North School.

Ushers ask adt. comn.

Upon an application for an augmentation of salary by the Ushers of the Writing Schools,

Voted That, at present, it appears to this Committee inexpedient to make any augmentation of the salaries of the aforesaid Ushers.

June 16. 1818 At a Legal Meeting of the School Committee, held this day, the following Votes of the Town were communicated; having been passed in Town Meeting on the third of June inst last viz

Primary Sch. Comte.

"Voted – That the School Committee be instructed, annually in the Month of June to nominate and appoint Three Gentlemen in each Ward, whose duty, collectively shall be to provide instruction for children between four and seven years of age, and apportion the expences among the several Schools"

"Voted That Five Thousand Dollars be appropriated out of the Town Treasury for the purpose in the foregoing Vote expressed, to be paid by the Treasurer on Warrants drawn on him in the same manner as Warrants are for the expences of the other Town Schools"

In pursuance of the above Instructions, the following Gentlemen were chosen 1818

Ward No. 1 Revd. Henry Ware. Ward No. 2 Redford Webster Esq
Mr N. G. Snelling. Mr Lewis Leland
" Robert Fenelly. " Saml. Hickborn Junr
Ward No. 3. Revd Jas. M. Winchell. Ward No. 4 Mr Jas. W. Burditt.
Mr Benj. T. Wells. Josiah Marshall Esq
" Nathan Webb. Capt. Samuel Howe.
Ward No. 5 Revd Dr Baldwin. Ward No. 6 Rev Paul Dean.
Saml. Gore Esq Hon. Jas. Prince.
Dr. Benj. Shurtleff. Ward No. 6 Mr John Osborn
Ward No. 7 Hon. B. Austin Ward No. 8 Mr John Dorr.
Mr Samuel Coverly Shubael Bell Esq
" Moses Grant. Mr David W. Child.
Ward No. 9 Mr Samuel May. Ward No. 10. Thos. L. Winthrop Esq
James Savage Esq. Mr Henry Chapman
Mr Wm Brown. " Gardner L. Chandler.
Ward No. 11. Elisha Ticknor Esq. Ward No. 12. Mr Wm Dale.
Benj. Rich Esq Benj. West Esq.
John Bellows Esq Mr T. B. Wait.

Voted That the Chairman be desired to notify the above Gentlemen of their appointment; and to direct them to meet at the Selectmen's Room on Tuesday next at 4 o'clock P. M. to organize themselves and to proceed to Business.

June 30th 1818 At a Meeting of the School Committee held this day Upon the Resignation of several Gentlemen who were chosen in the several Wards at the last meeting being communicated by the Chairman, the following were appointed, viz.

Primary Sch. Comn.

Ward No. 2 Mr Jacob Rhoades in place of B. T. Wells
" No. 3. Dr Horace Bean ---- B. T. Wells
" No. 4. Mr Thos. S. Boardman ---- James W. Burditt
" No. 5. Dr. G. C. Shattuck ---- Saml. Gore Esq
" No. 6. Mr Saml. L. Abbott ---- James Prince Esq
" " Revd. Daniel Sharp ---- John Osborn Esq
" No. 7. Wm Thurston Esq. ---- Moses Grant
" No. 8. B. Pollard Esq ---- John Dorr Esq
" " Daniel L. Gibbons ---- D. W. Child
" No. 10. Moses Grant ---- G. L. Chandler
" No. 11. G. L. Chandler ---- B. Rich Esq.

1818

School houses two adᵈ

July 7th 1818 At a legal Meeting of the School Committee, held this day A Report was read of the Committee for locating the Situation of the two Publick Schools voted by the Town; which Report was accepted, and the same Committee were authorized to carry it into execution. N.B. Joseph Lovering Esq was added to the above named Committee.

West School.

September 29th 1818 At a meeting of the School Committee held this day The place of Master of the West Reading School having become vacant by the death of Dr Mullikin, Mr Hale P. Kelly was unanimously chosen

Voted, That the Salary of Peter Kelly as Master, commence from the first day of July, in consideration of his extra services during the illness of Dr Mullikin.

North Sch. Usher

That a grant of three hundred Dollars be made to Mr Webb, the Usher of the North Writing School, in consideration of extra services during the last year.

Schools maps in

That a Committee be appointed to consider the propriety of procuring Maps for the several Schools, in order to the better instruction of the Scholars in Geography

The Pres.t & Secretary were chosen on the Com.e

School Com.e thanks to one

That the Secretary be desired to present the thanks of this Committee to the Rev.d Horace Holley for his able and faithful services as a member of the Committee for a number of years past, and to express to him their deep regret, that the Schools of that metropolis are ~~so~~ to be deprived of his future labours.

A Report was rec.d from the Sub-Committee respecting the new School houses; as follows:

1818

School houses New

The Sub-Committee to which was referred the execution of the Vote of the Town, to erect two additional Schoolhouses, to be denominated, Boylston Schools, have attended to that duty; and Report in part:

"That they have purchased a lot of Land, situate on the South-East side of Forthill, measuring Six thousand six hundred Ninety nine feet; for which they have contracted to pay 40 cents pr square foot."

"That they have contracted with Messrs Gray and Harrington to erect a Schoolhouse thereon, for the sum of Ten thousand five hundred and ninety Dollars, and who have entered into an Obligation to build one and finish the same in a workmanlike manner"

"That the building is now erecting, and will be finished ready for occupation the ensuing Spring."

Nassau St. Sch.

They also report, "That they have directed the second story of the Schoolhouse in Nassau Street to be prepared for an additional Writing Room, which also is now in preparation and will probably be ready for use the ensuing Spring." Pr order. B. Russell.

Latin Sch.

Letters were read from Mr Gould, the Master, and Messrs Clarke and Brewer the Ushers of the Latin School: a Report also from P. O. Thacher Esq Chairman of the Comee of said School, recommending the requests in said Letters to the favourable attention of the Comee.

Whereupon — Francis J. Oliver, Ch. Davis and Benj. Russell Esqrs were chosen a Committee to consider of the Propriety of increasing the salary of the Ushers of the Latin School, after the first year of their services; also of the necessity of an additional Usher to said School; and of another room for the use of the Scholars; which Committee are desired to report as soon as convenient.

1818

Latin Sch.

Nov. 27. 1818. The Committee appointed at the last meeting to consider the propriety of increasing the salary of the Ushers of the Latin School after the first year of their services; also of the necessity of an additional Usher to the said school, and of another room for the use of the scholars — Reported as follows, by their Chairman

Voted That there be allowed and paid to the Ushers of the Latin School one hundred Dollars, in addition to their present salaries, for their services during the second year in which they shall continue in Office with the approbation of the School Committee; and the sum of Two hundred Dollars in addition to their present salary for the services of the third year, and for any further term of time in which they shall continue in Office with the like approbation: The said sums of money to be paid quarterly, as the salaries are now paid; and to commence with Mr Clark & Mr Brewer from the Commencement of the present Quarter.

Latin Sch. Adl. usher

Voted That an additional Usher be appointed to the Latin School.

Voted That the appropriation of the apartment in which Mr Snelling's Writing School is now held, be deferred until the spring.

Voted That the Sub. committee be authorized to appoint a suitable person to sweep the rooms of the Latin School, light & extinguish the fires, open & close the doors, and clear away the snow.

1819

At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Boston, held March 15. 1819, it was voted, that in addition to the Selectmen, the following gentlemen were chosen on the School Committee viz

Dr Aaron Dexter	Francis J. Oliver	Sch: Com.ee
" Thomas Welsh	Peter C. Thacher	
Revd Charles Lowell	William Wells	
" Joshua Huntington	B. Russell	
" N. L. Frothingham	H. J. Oliver	
Charles Davis Esq	B. West Esqrs	

The usual Vote, relative to the Powers of the School Committee, was also passed.

The following arrangement was adopted for dividing the Committee into sub-committees for the year 1819

Latin Grammar Schools.

Peter C. Thacher Esq
Revd Charles Lowell
William Wells Esq
Revd N. L. Frothingham

North Schools

Sumner Phillips
Joseph Austin
Henry J. Oliver Esqs

West Schools

Hon: Jona Hunnewell
Dr Thomas Welsh
Francis J. Oliver
Lemuel Shaw Esqs

Centre Schools

Eben: Oliver Esq
Dr A. Dexter
Charles Davis Esq
Revd Josh: Huntington

South Schools

Joseph Loring
Henry Bass
Benj. West Esqrs

Boylston Schools

Samuel Dorr
Enoch Pickby
Benj. Russell Esqs

William Wells Esq was rechosen Secretary and Treasurer, for the present year

Voted that a Committee be appointed, to take into consideration, the

1819. expediency of forming School Districts in the Town, and making provision for occupying the Boylston School house, and reported to what purpose the Basement story thereof shall be appropriated. When P. C. Thacher, B. Russell, & Saml. Dorr Esqr. were chosen.

Voted — That the Pastor of the African Religious Society be requested to report quarterly to this board the general state of the African School — African Sch.

That the Committee of the S. Schools be requested to make occasional visits to the School at S. Boston; and that they be authorized to hire a carriage for that purpose — South Boston Sch.

That the Masters and Ushers of the publick Schools be reappointed to their respective offices for the present year; they conducting themselves to the satisfaction of this Committee — Masters & Ushers

Also That the Secretary be directed to notify each Master and Usher of this Vote; and to be procure to be printed a sufficient number of proper forms of notification.

Adjourned to Friday April 2d at 4. P. M.

23.

Report *accepted by the* SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the School Committee for the Town of Boston, on Thursday the 8th April, A. D. 1819, at the Selectmen's Room, in Fanueil-Hall, a Committee, consisting of PETER O. THACHER, BENJAMIN RUSSELL, and SAMUEL DORR, Esquires, made the following

Sch. dis. 13 Boylston Sch. H. & Franklin Hall

REPORT.

THE Committee, who were instructed "to consider the expediency of forming School Districts in the town, and of making provision for occupying the Boylston School House and Franklin Hall," having attended to the duty assigned to them, ask leave respectfully to report:—That by the location of the Schools in different sections of the town, it is apparent, it was intended to consult the convenience of all the inhabitants; and it is to be presumed that, in general, children will be sent to the school which is nearest to their places of residence, if care is bestowed in the selection of masters, and they are required to discharge with fidelity the duties of instruction. But as no local limits have been assigned to the several schools, many lads are found in all of them, who come from distant quarters of the town, and as no limitation has been hitherto put to the number of pupils, which may be received into them, it must often happen, that children living in the vicinity of a school are excluded therefrom, or subjected to great inconvenience in their attendance. It seems therefore to be necessary, either that the town should be formed into school districts, or that the School Committee should, wherever a necessity exists, exercise the power, which they undoubtedly possess, of prescribing what schools the children may attend, and the number of pupils which may be received into them.

The schools are now, in a great degree, distinct from and independent of each other—the writing being composed of children from various reading schools, and the reading, of children from the various writing schools. In some instances, likewise, children attend a writing school without going to any reading school, and the reverse. In the opinion of your Committee, it would tend to promote the order of the schools, if each should be considered as consisting of two divisions—one for writing and arithmetick, and the other for reading and the other branches of an English education, which are now usually taught in them; that when a child enters one of these divisions, he shall be considered a member of, and be required to attend the other, and that the masters of both shall have a concurrent jurisdiction over all the pupils, in respect to discipline and instruction. One good effect, which would arise from such regulation, would be, to create in the parents a greater interest in the character, qualifications and attention of the masters, so that the School Committee would probably have earlier notice, than they can now obtain, if any of the masters should prove to be deficient in the talents for instruction, or fail to give satisfaction to the public. By the establishment of the Boylston School, and by fitting the Franklin Hall for a writing school, the School Committee have, on their part, attended to the wishes and wants of the town:—and it seems to be a favorable opportunity to form the schools into divisions, and to commence a system, which will tend to preserve order and discipline, and to promote equality among the schools in point both of numbers and instruction. Whatever regulations may be necessary to effect these valuable objects must, in the opinion of your Committee, be regarded by the inhabitants of the town with approbation, and will receive their support.

The Committee find, upon inquiry, that great inequality in point of numbers exists in different schools—some exceeding four hundred pupils, others not containing more than half that number. Of those who attend daily, the numbers vary from one hundred to two hundred and sixty. This inequality throws an unequal burden on some of the masters, and, let it arise from whatever cause, it ought to be corrected.

As a writing school is to be opened in Franklin Hall, and Mr. Snelling's school is to be removed from School-street, your Committee ask leave to suggest a remark on this subject. A very large proportion of Mr. Webb's scholars come from the south part of the town and attend Mr. Payson's English school. So far as the schools have been heretofore connected, those of Mr. Webb and Mr. Payson have been branches of each other. A similar remark will apply to the schools of Mr. Haskell and Mr. Snelling.—Your Committee therefore recommend, that Mr. Webb should take charge of the writing division of the Franklin school, and Mr. Snelling of the writing division of the Centre School. This will secure to the south part of the town an excellent writing master, and a full school. Mr. Snelling will continue to take charge of the same school, which he has for many years instrusted, and in a situation which will be more favorable for the improvement of his pupils, and for the display of his talents for instruction.

With a view, therefore, to the various objects which are above suggested, and in performance of their duty, your Committee propose for adoption the following regulations, viz:—

1. That each of the Schools shall hereafter consist of two divisions, viz. one for writing and arithmetic, and the other for reading and the other branches of an English Education, which are usually taught in the schools, and that these divisions shall be accommodated in separate apartments of the same building.

2. That the School in Nassau-street shall hereafter, in honor of Dr. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, the distinguished Benefactor and Patron of our Schools, be called the FRANKLIN SCHOOL.

3. That the children, who attend the reading division of the Franklin School, shall, from and after the 20th day of April current, attend the writing division of the same; that a similar rule shall apply to the children attending the respective divisions of the Centre School, the Boylston School, the West School, and the North School; that no pupil shall hereafter be received except on this principle, and that the Masters be enjoined to unite in carrying the same into operation.

4. But to prevent inconvenience, if the parents or guardians of any children, who now attend the schools, shall express to the Committee, in writing, a desire that their children shall continue their course of instruction under their present masters, the foregoing regulation shall not apply to such children.

5. That a school shall be deemed to be full when it consists of three hundred pupils, and no master shall be authorized to take more, while a less number belong to, or do not usually attend the other schools.

6. That whenever a school shall be found, after the 20th day of April current, to contain more than theee hundred pupils, while any other school has not an equal number, the Committee of the school shall remove such of the pupils as will, in their judgment, suffer least inconvenience from the change. And further, whenever it shall be found that children living in the vicinity of a school are excluded therefrom, by reason that pupils have been received from distant sections of the town, it shall be the duty of the Committee of the school to cause such pupils to be removed, and sent to the schools which are nearest to their places of residence, or to some other school which is not full.

7. That the several masters be required to make monthly returns, during the present year, and at the close of each month, to the Secretary of the School Committee, of the number of pupils on their lists, and how many upon an average have attended daily; and that the returns in the month of May contain the names of the pupils, and of the streets in which they respectively reside.

8. That Masters be elected to the Boylston School, which shall be opened for Scholars on the 20th day of April current, of which public notice shall be given, and applications for admission be made to the Masters that shall be elected.

9. That on the 20th April current, Mr. Snelling's Writing School in School-street be discontinued, and that he, on that day, take charge of the Writing division of the Centre School; and that, upon the same day, Mr. Webb take charge of the Writing division of the Franklin School.

10. That the basement story of the Boylston School, and the basement story of the Latin Grammar School, be appropriated for the purposes of those Schools respectively, till the further order of this Committee.

Signed, per order,

P. O. THACHER, *Chairman.*

Boston, April 2, 1819.

1819.

At a full meeting of the School Committee, held this day, April 2nd 1819,

Nassau St. Sch. house — Dr Dexter, Dr Welsh and P. O. Thacher Esq were appointed a Committee to confer with the Selectmen with respect to the application of the Society in Hollis street respecting the upper story of the Schoolhouse in Nassau street.

Boylston Sch. house — Letters having been read and considered from the Revd Dr Baldwin, & Revd Messrs Sharp & Winchell, requesting the use of the Boylston Schoolhouse for a weekly lecture and for occasional Meetings on the Sabbath; and also from Caleb Loring & others, for the use of the Schoolhouse in Hawkins street

Voted That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the said Petitions.

Voted That the Subcommittee of the Boylston Schools be requested to report the names of three of the Candidates for the place of Grammar Master, and also of three for the place of Writing Master, as in their opinion best qualified to fill those Offices.

Voted That the same Committee be also requested to furnish a list of the several applicants, with a digest of the recommendations accompanying each Application

Voted That a Committee be chosen to examine and receive the new Schoolhouse on Fort-Hill, and to accept the same, if, upon enquiry it shall be found to have been executed agreably to Contract; and that Dr Dexter, Lemuel Shaw, and F. J. Oliver Esqr be the Committee

At a Legal Meeting of the School Committee held this day, April 8th 1819

Sch. Dis. — The Report of the Committee under the vote respecting the Division of the Town into School-Districts, was read and accepted. The Report was ordered to be printed in the public papers, and also for the use of the School Committee.

Private Sch. — A Committee was chosen to report upon the propriety of prohibiting the Masters of the publick Schools from keeping Private Schools, and also of regulating the hours for keeping School; when

1819. when W. Wells, E. Silsby, & F. J. Oliver Esqr were chosen.

Boylston Sch. master chosen

John Stickney Esq was chosen Master of the Boylston Reading & Grammar School, for the ensuing year.

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Mr E. E. Finch was chosen Writing Master of said School

The Committee appointed to examine and receive the new School house on Fort-Hill, reported, That the work has been executed in a proper and workmanlike manner, and that the same be received; which report was accepted.

1819 At a legal Meeting of the School Committee held this day, April 16th 1819

Records lost

Voted That the Secretary be desired to advertise for the Records of the School Committee, which was lost or mislaid in the Month of January or February 1815, and be authorized to offer a reward of Ten Dollars for delivering the same to him.

School masters

The Report of the Committee upon the propriety of prohibiting the Masters of the public Schools from keeping private Schools, was read and discussed, and upon consideration recommitted. Benjn Russell Esq was added to said Committee

School house new one

Voted That a Committee be chosen to take into consideration, the propriety of erecting a new School house; and should they think this expedient, to report upon the proper site of such building. The following Gentn were chosen — viz Dr Dexter & Jos: Austin & Saml Dorr Esqrs

Schools Sub-comte to exam state of

That the Sub-committees of the several Schools be enjoined to visit each School, to examine particularly respecting the state of the Schools, and the conduct of the Instructors; and to give their opinion with regard to the conduct of each.

Books used in Schools

That a Committee be raised to report what Books are used in the Reading and Writing Schools; and what alterations in this respect are, in their opinion, necessary; and to report at the next meeting. The following Gentlemen were chosen, viz Rev^d Ch. Lowell, D. C. Thacher Esq. Wm. Wells Esq. 1819.

1819 At a Legal meeting of the School Committee held this day, April 23^d 1819

Schools — masters keeping Private

The Committee appointed to consider the propriety of prohibiting the public Masters from keeping private Schools &c. reported the following resolutions; which were adopted —

I That from the 20th day of April to the 20th day of October, annually, the hours for keeping the public Reading and Writing Schools shall be from 8 o'clock in the morning until 12, and from 2 until 5. P. M. and from the 20th of October to the 20th of April, from 9 to 12, and from 2 to half past 4. Provided, that the Masters be at liberty to dismiss the two Junior classes at Eleven o'clock during the Summer half year.

II That no Master or Usher of the public Schools be allowed, after the 20th day of July next, to keep any private School, of any description whatever, which shall commence earlier than 6 o'clock in the evening — and that any Master or Usher violating this regulation, shall be considered as having vacated his Office.

Schools studies in

Voted That the several Sub-Committees be requested to introduce into their respective Schools, the study of English grammer Arithmetic, Geography, or Spelling Lessons, for those children in the Writing department of their respective Schools who they suppose may be benefited by such practice.

Books.

A Report was read and accepted upon the subject of the proper Books to be used in the reading and writing Schools; and the Secretary was directed to have the same printed, together with the foregoing resolutions.

Voted That the Secretary

1819. Books masters to be furnished

be authorized to procure and present to each of the Masters a set of such Books as have been adopted by the Committee to be exclusively used in the Schools; and that all the Books of the pupils shall conform thereto.

Trustees of Franklin Hall

The Committee to whom was referred the application of William Dall and Amasa Davis Esqr as Trustees of Franklin Hall, over the School House in Nassau street; reported in full and conclude as follows

"The Committee are of opinion, that the sum of Six hundred Dollars will be a just and reasonable compensation for such building, and therefore recommend, That the said sum of $600 be paid by the town to said proprietors, and those who represent them, on the obtaining a full release and discharge to the town, of all the rights, interests and claims, legal and equitable, of all persons having any such rights & claims."

Which Report was accepted

Books

Voted That a Committee be appointed to confer with the Masters of the public Schools respecting the Books proper for each class, and to act definitively with regard to such arrangement.

1819 At a meeting of the School Committee held this day May 11th 1819 Mr B. Dudley Emerson was chosen Reading & Grammar Master of the School in Mason st.

Mason st. sch.

Master chosen

Voted That the several Sub-committees be requested to enjoin upon the Masters of the several Schools, to attend to the Ventilation of their Rooms and to the health of their pupils during the school hours.

West School Franklin "

A Report was accepted of the Sub-committee of the West School in Hawkins street, by which Mr James Robinson was appointed Usher of the Writing department of the Franklin Schools, & Mr John P. Bigelow Usher of the reading department of the West School.

1819.

At a Meeting of the School Committee held this day June 14. 1819

Salaries of masters

Voted That a Committee of Three be raised to report respecting the vote of the Town, desiring the School Committee to take into consideration the propriety of making any alteration in the salaries of the Masters of the Publick Schools. The following gentlemen were chosen — Revd Ch. Lowell, P. C. Thacher & Henry J. Oliver Esqrs.

Voted, That the Committee adjourn to 9 o-clock next Monday to receive the Report of the Committee.

Primary Sch. Comte.

That the following gentlemen be a committee to provide Instruction for Children between four and seven years of age for the present year — viz

Revd Henry Ware Mr N. G. Snelling " Robt Fenelly	Ward No. 1.	Jacob Rhodes Esq Mr Lewis Leland " Saml Hichborn	Ward No. 2.
Revd Jas M. Winchell Dr Horace Bean Mr Nathan Webb	Ward No. 3.	Mr Thos S. Boardman James Davis Esq Capt Saml Howe	Ward No. 4.
Revd Dr Baldwin Dr Geo. G. Shattuck Dr B. Shurtleff	Ward No. 5.	Revd Paul Dean Revd Danl Sharp Mr Peter Mackintosh	Ward No. 6.
Hon. B. Austin Mr Saml Coverly Mr Thurston Esq	Ward No. 7.	Revd J. G. Palfrey John Dorr Esq Mr Asa Richardson	Ward No. 8.
James Savage Esq Mr Wm Brown Mr Pliny Cutler	Ward No. 9.	Thos L. Winthrop Esq Mr Henry Chapman Mr Moses Grant	Ward No. 10
Elisha Tichnor Esq John Bellows Esq Mr G. L. Chandler	Ward No. 11.	Mr William Dall Benj. West Esq Mr Thos B. Wait	Ward No. 12.

Usher grant to

Voted That Fifty Dollars be allowed Mr Andrew Davison for extra Services during the Sickness and after the death of Mr Haskell.

1819.

June 14th

Murray's grammar

Voted That the Rev. Jno Pierrepont, Saml. Dorr, and Benj. Russell Esqrs be a Committee to enquire into and report on certain objections made by the Reading Masters to Murray's Abridgment of his Grammar, and Murrays Spelling Book; lately ordered to be used in the Schools of this town.

South Boston School.

Voted That two Medals be given annually to the Boy who most excels in Reading and Writing in the School at South Boston

West School

That the Letter of Mr Kelley, Master of the West School, accompanying his report of April 30th be referred to the Sub-Committee of said School.

1819.

At a meeting of the School Committee, held this day, June 21: 1819

Masters Salaries

The Committee to whom was referred the vote of the Town relating to the salaries of the Public Masters, presented a Report which was read and accepted, signed by the Chairman and directed to be laid before the Town at their next meeting.

This Report follows

The School Committee of the Town of Boston have attended to the subject which was referred to them by the Vote of the Inhabitants on the thirty first day of May last, and respectfully report

That, in the year 1816 the Salaries of the Reading and Writing Masters, which, prior to that time had been $ 800 Pr Annum, were raised to 1000; and in consequence of the high price of the necessaries of life, a grant was made them of $ 200, which has been annually renewed to the present time. The Committee have had no reason to suppose, that this is insufficient for their comfortable support; and they have the satisfaction to believe, that the Schools in general are flourishing under the care of able and faithful teachers. With respect to the salary of the Principal Master of the Latin School, the Committee are led to observe, — That it was fixed after much deliberation, and with a due regard to the qualifications which the master of that School ought to possess. It was found impracticable, without increasing the salary, to induce a young gentleman of talents and scholarship to forego the profits which the learned professions open to him, and to devote himself to the care of this School, with the reputation of which, his fame and his hopes in life should be identified. The present Master, having taken the office to the entire satisfaction of the public, the Committee are unanimously of opinion, that, as he accepted the office after the salary was raised, it ought not to be reduced while he continues to merit their confidence and esteem. In addition to the Latin and Greek languages, the boys at the Latin School are now taught such branches of the Mathematics and Geography, with the Elements of Algebra and Geometry, as are requisite for admission into the Uni-

1819. University. In consequence of the great increase of the number of pupils, and of the particular attention necessary in order to form them to habits of accuracy, on which all success in scholarship depends; and considering too, that the standard of qualifications for admission into the University has been much elevated, the Committee have thought it necessary to add an assistant Master, to increase the number of Ushers, and to hold out encouragement to them to continue in the school for the term of three years at least, that the inconveniences arising from unexperienced Instructors may be avoided. The Committee think they have reason to congratulate the Town on the flourishing condition of this school, which they believe to be second to none in the country; and they rely upon the liberal spirit and enlightened views of the inhabitants, who have ever been attentive to the education of the rising generation, and to the best interests of their country, to continue to afford it their protection and support."

By Order of the Committee
Turner Phillips Chairman

Books — Voted That Alden's Reader be added to the list of Books to be used in the public Schools

Primary Sch. Com.ee — The following gentlemen were chosen Members of the Committee of Primary Schools

Ward N.o 2. Mr Thó. Fracker vice Jacob Rhoades resigned
8. Dr Sam.l Clark .. Jn.o Dorr. do
.. Mr Edward Phillips .. Asa Richardson

Voted That the Committee of Primary Schools be hereby authorized to fill any Vacancy which may occur in their Board during the present year.

1819.

At a legal Meeting of the School Committee, held this day

Visitation of Schools.

Voted. That the Annual Visitation of the Schools take place on Wednesday the 18th of August next.

That the Visitation commence at the North and South Schools, at 8 o-clock A. M. and at the West & Boylston Schools from 10 to 12. — at Mason Street and the Latin School at half past 12.

Committee

North and W Schools
Messrs. Phillips
Austin
H. J. Oliver
Hunnewell
F. J. Oliver
Welsh
Thacher
Lowell
Wells
Frothingham
Silsby

South and Boylston Schools
Messrs. Eben. Oliver
Dexter
Huntington
Lovering
Bass
Davis
Russell
Pierrepont
Shaw
Dorr.

1819.

At a Legal Meeting of the School Committee held this day November 10th 1819.

Mason st. Sch. The Committee having heard the complaint of Mr Sewell Goodrich against Mr Spelling Master of of the Writing School in Mason street.

Goodrich Voted That the complaint of Mr Goodrich be dismissed; the same appearing on investigation, frivolous & groundless.

Petitions from the Masters and Ushers of the Ready & Writg Schools, praying for an increase of salary, or for permission to keep Private Schools, having been read — Voted That the same be committed to Recd Mr Pierrepont, Messrs Dorr, Shaw Russell and Davis, with instructions to report thereon.

North Sch. Usher Voted That the sum of Three hundred Dollars be allowed Mr Elisha Webb, writing Usher in the N. School for extra services.

1820.

Masters & Ushers Salaries.

At a Legal Meeting of the School Committee held this day — Jany 14th 1820.

A Report was read from the Committee appointed at the last meeting to take into consideration the Petition of the Masters and Ushers of the public Schools, praying for an increase of salary, and that they may be permitted to keep private Schools

The same was discussed and the subject adjourned to the next meeting.

Voted to adjourn to Wednesday the 19th at 4 o-clock P. M.

At a Legal Meeting of the School Committee held this day Jany 19. 1820

Schools opening of.

After Reading and discussing the Report of the Committee upon the Petition of the Masters and Ushers of the Reading & Writing Schools

Voted That so much of the Report as relates to the hours at which the schools shall be opened and shut, be referred to the joint Meeting of the school-Committee to be chosen on March next.

Salaries of masters

Voted That such part of the Report be accepted, as declares it "inexpedient to propose "to the General Committee, to enhance the salaries of the "Masters and Ushers of the public Schools."

Voted That a Committee of three be appointed to draw up resolutions with regard to the propriety of the Masters and Ushers being present a reasonable time before the Schools open; and also, to express to the several Masters and Ushers, the expectation of the School Committee, That they will carry into effect, with cheerfulness and diligence, the system of Discipline and Instruction advised by the Committee.

Franklin schools

Voted That the Sub-Committee of the Franklin Schools be requested to enquire, par-

1820 particulars, and as soon as conveniently may be, into the State of Order, Discipline and Improvement of our Schools: and to report the result of such enquiry to this Committee.

North Sch. Voted That the allowance of £30 to Mr E. Webb of the North Schools for extra services, be paid quarter-yearly.

Adjourned to this day three weeks (Feby 9th)

Mem: The following letter was sent Feby 4. 1820

Schools number of boys in Sir. You will oblige me by transmitting, for the information of the School Committee, the Number of Boys, belonging to your School on the first day of January and February of the present year.

You will please, hereafter, to return, Monthly, the number of your Scholars on the first day of each Month, or as near as possible to that time.

Messrs Stone, E. Webb, Kelley, Holt, Emerson, Snelling, Payson, Webb

1820

At a Legal Meeting of the School Committee held this day March 24th 1820, to organize the Board.—

School Com.ee

It appeared from the Certificate of the Town Clerk that the following gentlemen are chosen by the Town on the School Committee for the present year viz

D.r Thomas Welch
D.r A. Dexter
Rev.d Ch. Lowell
William Wells Esq
Henry J. Oliver Esq
Rev.d Jn.o Pierpont
Samuel Shaw Esq, and
Rev.d Dan.l Sharp.

The usual vote relative to the powers of the School Com.e was also passed in Town-meeting, & communicated by the Town Clerk.

Chairman & Secretary Chosen

Elisha Adet Williams Esq. was chosen Chairman of the School Committee for the current year, and William Wells Esq.r Treasurer

Samuel Shaw and Samuel Adams Wells Esq.rs were appointed a Committee to examine and pass the Treasurers accounts.

Sch. Com.ee powers

Voted That a Committee be appointed to examine the Records of the Town, and to Report relative to the powers delegated by the Town to the School Committee, and also to consider what Salaries are proper to be voted to the several masters and Mistresses of the Public Schools for the present year.

The following Gentlemen were chosen on this Com.e

Hon.n B. Austin
Samuel Shaw Esq
D.r Dexter
J. A. Wells
Rev.d Dan.l Sharp.

Franklin School

Voted That Sam.l Shaw, Daniel Baxter & H. J. Oliver Esq.rs be a Committee to examine into the state of the Franklin Reading Schools, and to report at next meeting

Fire buckets

Voted That the Selectmen be requested to procure and have placed in each of the six schoolhouses of the Town, Twenty Fire buckets to be kept in the front entry for public benefit.

Adjourned to this day fortnight. 4 h. P. M. 4 o'clock P.M.

1820.

At a Legal Meeting of the School Committee, held at Faneuil Hall this day, April 7th 1820—

School Com.e powers of Report.

The Report of the Committee chosen at the last Meeting to examine the Records of the Town, and to report relative to the powers delegated to the School Committee, & was read by the Chairman of that Committee

"The Committee appointed to examine the Records of the Town, and to Report relative to the powers delegated by the Town to the School Committee, and also to consider the subject of the salaries proper to be voted to the several Masters and Ushers of the public Schools for the present year, have attended to the business, and make the following Statement as taken from the Records of the Town, Vol. 1780—1796

It appears, that till the year 1789 the Salaries of all the Schoolmasters were granted in the May meeting by a vote of the Town. In the year 1788 The payment stood as follows

Masters

To Mr Hunt, Master of the South Latin School. £185. 00
" Mr Davis do — North Latin School ..... 185. —
" Mr Tileston ..... 160 —
" Mr Carter ..... 160 —
" Mr Vinal ..... 160 —
" Mr Cheney ..... 160 —
" Mr Tickenor ..... 160 —

Ushers.

" Mr Pingley Usher of Latin School £ 92. 10 s
" Each of the Ushers of the Writing Schools 80 —

At the same Meeting it was voted that ~~exam~~ of the Selectmen be authorized to make, according to their discretion, an additional allowance to any of the Ushers, not exceeding £ 10.

Voted That the Masters of the Schools have 10 Cords of Wood provided for them by the Selectmen

Voted That Jno. Tileston be allowed for House-rent the present year the Sum £ 30.

Voted — The same Sum to Mr Davis

Voted — The same Sum for Mr Vinal & Mr Cheney; also £ 20 for Ink for 5 Schools.*

In the year 1789 May 12, which was the last time the salaries were granted by the Town, (See Vol 1780 to 1796, page 70.) the pay of the Schoolmasters stood as follows. (See p. 112.)

To Mr Hunt, Latin Master ..... £ 150
" Mr Davis do 150
" Mr Tileston & other writing Masters 145

1820. Voted at this Meeting, — That the Writing Schoolmasters who have families be allowed per Week each the Sum of Thirty Pounds.

At the adjournment of the Meeting, May 14th. The following vote was passed on the Motion of Col. Jaques. (p. 113)

Masters & Ushers Salaries.

"That the Town now reconsider the vote passed on the 12th. Instant for granting Salaries to the several Schoolmasters, so that it be left to the Selectmen to affix Salaries for Masters and Ushers, and all other matters relative to the Schoolmasters and Ushers of the public Schools for the time to come". After debate it passed in the affirmative (p. 113)

At a meeting May 14. It was moved, That the vote passed granting Salaries to Schoolmasters and Ushers by the Selectmen, be reconsidered. After debate, the question was put for reconsideration, and passed in the negative. (p. 114)

At a Meeting Sept. 23d. 1789 (p. 123) the Town acted on the following article in the Warrant — viz

Females Schools for

"To consider the proposals of a large number of respectable inhabitants of the Town of Boston for the instruction of the youth of both sexes, and for Reforming the present system of public education. It was moved, that the propositions be referred to a Committee of 12 persons, one from each Ward — to report at the next meeting — The following were chosen ..... Ward No. 1 Alexander Hill

.. 2 W. Thompson
.. 3 Revd Dr Eliot
.. 4 Deacon Sharp
.. 5 Deacon Boardman
.. 6 Dr W. Eustis
.. 7 Revd Dr S. Howard
.. 8 Dr Caleb Dexter
.. 9 His Honour Sam. Adams.
.. 10 Stephen Higginson
.. 11 Revd Jno. Clarke
.. 12 Revd Sam. West.

At a Meeting Octr 15. 1789 (p. 124) The above Committee reported relative to the Schools; and the same being read, it was moved, that the Report be considered paragraph by paragraph. The first paragraph being read, it was moved to refer the consideration of the Report to March meeting. On the question being put, it passed in the negative. A Motion was made, to defer the consideration for a month, which Motion was also negatived. Finally

the subject was referred to next meeting. (p. 125)

The report of the Committee was reviewed at the adjournment, and considered paragraph by paragraph. And the Question being put, whether the Report then amended be accepted — and it passed in the affirmative. A Motion was then made, that the Meeting be adjourned to the 20th Inst. in order to choose the Committee of 12, who are to be joined with the Selectmen to carry the new System of Education into operation; and that the Inhabitants be notified thereof in the public prints. (p. 127)

The Report of the above Committee as laid before the Town by their Chairman, William Thompson Esq, and, as amended and accepted in town meeting, is as follows

I. That there be one School, in which the rudiments of the Latin and Greek languages shall be taught, and scholars fully qualified for the University — That all candidates for admission into this School shall be at least ten years of age, having been previously well instructed in English grammar; that they shall continue not longer than four years, and that they have liberty to attend the public writing schools, at such hours as the visiting Committee shall direct.

II. That there be one Writing School at the South part of the Town, one at the Centre, one at the North part; that in these Schools the children of both sexes be taught writing, and also Arithmetic, in the various branches usually taught in the town Schools, including Vulgar and Decimal Fractions.

III That there be one Reading School at the South part of the Town, one at the Centre, one at the North part; that in these Schools the children be taught of both sexes be taught to spell decently and read both prose and verse, and also be instructed in English Grammar and Composition.

IV. That the children of both sexes be admitted into the Reading and writing Schools until the age of Seven years, having previously received the instruction usual at womens schools — that they be allowed to continue in the reading and writing schools until the age of Fourteen; the Boys attending the year round, the Girls from the 20th of April to 20th of October following — that they attend the Schools alternately, at such times and subject to such changes as the visiting Committee in consultation with the Masters shall approve.

V. That the Committee be annually chosen by ballot, to consist of Twelve in addition to the Selectmen, whose business it shall be to visit the Schools three in a Quarter, and as much oftener as they shall judge proper, with three of their

number at least to consult together, in order to devise the best methods for the instruction and government of the Schools, and to communicate the result of their determinations to the Masters; to determine what hours the schools shall begin, and to appoint play-days — in their visitations to enquire into the particular regulations of the schools, both in regard to Instruction and Discipline, and give such advice to the Masters as they shall think proper — to examine the Scholars in the particular branches in which they are instructed, and by all proper methods, to excite in them a laudable emulation to excel in a virtuous and amiable deportment and in every branch of useful knowledge.

The Committee recommend the following arrangement of the Schools to the acceptance of the Town. 1. That the School house in Pleasant street now occupied by Mr Tickner, be the S. Reading School. 2. That the school in West street, occupied by Mr Vinal, be the S. Writing School. 3. That a building be hired for a Reading School near the Centre of the town. 4. That the School-house in School street, now occupied by Mr Hunt, be the School for instruction in the Latin & Greek languages. 5. That the School house in Tremont street, occupied by Mr Carter, be the Central Writing School. 6. That the building in Middle street, occupied by Mr Cheney, be retained for the North Reading School. 7. That the School house in Love street in which Mr Tileston now teaches, be continued for the North Writing School, and that the North Latin School-house, nearly contiguous, be annexed to it, in order to accommodate Writing Scholars, should their number be greater than the former house can conveniently contain.

The Committee further inform the Town, that the rent of a building for a Reading School, in the Centre of the town, and the charge of making some small alterations in the North Writing School house, will be the only extra expence necessarily incurred by this plan and arrangement, while the great and obvious advantages to be derived from them, to the Youth in general, and to the Female sex in particular, would abundantly compensate, and justify a far greater expence.

At a meeting Oct. 20, 1789. (page 132)

A Committee was chosen, consisting of twelve persons, who, in addition to the Selectmen, are to carry the New System of Education, which has been adopted by the town, into Operation

The Persons chosen were

Hon. Thomas Dawes	Dr Nath. Appleton
Rev Sam. West	Jonathan Mason Junr Esq
Rev Dr Lathrop	Dr Aaron Dexter
Rev James Freeman	Ch. Gore Esq
John C. Jones Esq	George R. Minot Esq
Dr Thos. Welsh	William Tudor Esq

Febry 10. 1790. (p. 139.) The article in the warant relative to explaining the Commission given to the School Committee was adopted. Voted — That the Committee of twelve appointed in October last, to manage in concert with the Selectmen the affairs and Government of the Public Schools be authorized with the Selectmen in future to exercise all the powers relating to the Schools and Schoolmasters by which the Selectmen or such Committees are authorized by the laws of this Commonwealth, or the Votes of this Town to exercise; any former vote of the Town notwithstanding"

This Vote is annually passed after the choice of the School Committee, as power to be exercised by them in conjunction with the Selectmen.

The above Statement being carefully examined by the Committee as authentic documents taken from the records of the Town, and which fully describe the powers of the School Committee in concert with the Selectmen in managing the affairs and government of the Public schools, both as to the appointment of the Masters and Ushers, and the Annual compensation to be made them for their services.

Moved — That the above Report be entered on the Records of the School Committee

All which is Respectfully submitted"

Benj. Austin Jr Order

Voted — That the foregoing Report be accepted, and entered upon the Records of the School Committee

The Committee appointed to consider the Subject of the salaries proper to be granted to the several Masters and Ushers of the Public Schools for the present year, Reported as follows — "That the Sum of

Records of April 7. 1820 (continued)

"One Thousand Dollars be granted and paid to each of the Masters of the several Writing and Reading Schools, as a just compensation for their services in conducting and managing the affairs of their respective Schools, under the direction of the School Committee, and for instructing the Children in those several branches of education as are usually taught in their respective departments; with an additional grant of Two hundred Dollars; as paid the last year."

Also, That the sum of Five hundred Dollars be paid to each of the Ushers of the several Writing and Reading Schools, as a just compensation for their services during the present year; with an additional grant of One hundred Dollars; as paid the last year.

The further Report — That the salary of the Masters and Assistants of the Latin School, be referred to the General Committee for their consideration". Benj.ⁿ Austin Chairman.

Voted That the foregoing Report be accepted.

Latin Sch. Salaries of Masters & Assistants

The Question as to the salary proper to be voted to the Masters of the Latin School and Assistants, was discussed at length.

Voted That the decision as to the salaries of the Master & of the Latin School be adjourned until after the May meeting — the salaries of the Latin School to remain at present as heretofore.

A Report of the Committee on the State of the Franklin Schools, was read and recommitted, with Instructions to Report at next meeting.

Voted That a Committee be appointed to consider the expediency of providing suitable accommodations &c. the Male pupils of the North Schools, exceeding the number allowed by the Board to any one School, and to report at next meeting.
H. J. Oliver, Robt. Fenelly, & A. Babcock Esqrs were chosen.

Voted That a Committee be appointed to enquire if there be any number or members of this Board, who are not

legally entitled to a seat at the same. 1820.

Sem. Shaw & W. Weles Esqr were chosen.

Voted That the Secretary be desired to send to each of the Masters and Ushers of the Reading and Writing Schools, a Copy of the Resolutions passed April 23. 1819 with particular directions that the two first Regulations be carefully observed

April 25 1820 } At a Legal Meeting of the School Committee held this day Ap. 25. 1820.

West School — A Letter was read from Messrs. Kelley and Holt, stating the present state of the West Schools

North School — A Report was read from the Committee appointed to consider the expediency of providing suitable accommodations for the male pupils of the N. School &

Voted That the same Committee be empowered to hire a room proper for the purpose and to engage a suitable person to instruct the children during the summer. ~~season~~.

New School house — Voted That a Committee be raised to report upon the site proper for a new school-house; and also upon the expediency of adding a third story to each of the Schoolhouses in N. Bennett and Hawkins streets — and further, to consider what provision shall be made to accommodate the Male pupils of the Hawkins Street school; with powers to provide a room, and engage an Instructor, as in the case of the North School.

North & Hawkins St. Schools

The following Gentlemen were chosen

H. J. Oliver — Jon. Loring
Robt. Fenelly — S. A. Wells Esqrs
A. Babcock Esqrs

School houses are using them for any other purpose — A Committee was appointed to take into consideration the propriety of permitting the use of the schoolhouses for any purpose except that for which they are specially designed

W. Wells — H. J. Oliver
Revd. Ch. Lowell — Lemuel Shaw Esq
S. A. Wells

At a Meeting of the Sch. Com^e held at the Selectmen's Room this day June 17. 1820.

June 17 1820

Sec^y protem. Mr S. Wells, the Secretary, being absent, Mr H. J. Oliver was chosen Secretary pro tem.

North Schools The Report of the Com^e providing additional accommodations for the pupils at the North Schools (see paper marked A) was accepted, and it was ordered that the expences be allowed. — Mr J. W. Kent was employed as the Instructer. —

West Sch. The Report of the Committee of a similar kind for the West School, was also accepted and the same order taken thereon.

New School house A Committee was chosen by ballot to obtain on the best practicable terms, the land which may be wanted in addition to that now owned by the Town, and to contract for and erect a new School-House, in conformity with the Report of the Committee and the vote of the Town on that subject. — when the following gentlemen were chosen Messrs Jonathan Loring

Sam A. Wells

Henry J. Oliver

Franklin Gramman Sch. A Report of the Committee on the Franklin Grammar School was accepted (see paper C) and the supplying the vacancy was referred to the Sub-Committee for that School.

Sub com^tees The Board was arranged in Sub-Committees as follows - viz

Latin School

Revd Charles Lowell

" S. L. Frothingham

Dr John G. Coffin

William Wells

West Schools

Dr Thomas Welsh

Sam: A. Wells

Jeremiah Fitch

Jonathan Loring Esqr

Franklin Schools

Elphalet Williams, Chairman.

Samuel Shaw

Daniel Baxter Esqr

North Schools

Revd Daniel Sharp

Dr Robert Fenelly

Abram Babcock

H. J. Oliver Esqr

Centre Schools

Dr Aaron Dexter

Revd Jno Pierpont

Francis J. Oliver Esqr

Boylston Schools

Benjn Russell

Samuel Billings

David W. Child Esqr

1820 June 17. An application from Joseph Cobbett for his son's re-admission into the West School was assented to, & handed over to the Sub-Com.^e of said School.

African School An application from Miss Mary Webb for the establishment of a free African School at the N. part of the town was referred to the Sub-Committee of the N. Schools

Primary School Com.^e The following persons were appointed on the Committee for Primary Schools — viz

Ward No. 1 Rev. H. Ware
2 Miss. Geo. Darracott
Isaac Harris
2. Lewis Leland
Sam. Hitchborn
Thomas Fracker
3. Dr. Horace Bean
Nathan Webb
Thomas Wells
4. Thos L. Boardman
Samuel Howe
James Davis
5. Rev. Thos Baldwin D.D.
Dr. Geo. C. Shattuck
Dea. Moses Grant
6. Rev. Paul Dean
P. Mackintosh Jr
Heman Lincoln
7. W. Thurston Esq
Dea. James Coverly
Rev. S. E. Dwight
8. Dr. Sam. Clark
Francis Welsh
Isaac Mansfield
9. Ja.^s Savage Esq
Wm. Brown
Pliny Cutler
10. Thos L. Winthrop Esq
Sam. Norwood
Lewis Tappan
11. Dea. Elisha Ticknor
Thos Jackson
Sam. Dorr.
12. Wm. Dall
T. B. Wait
Dea. B. West.

authorized to fill vacancies Voted — That the above Committee be authorized to fill any vacancies which may occur during the present year.

Primary Sch. Com.^e Pet.^s Child.^n not qualif.^d for admission — That the Petition from the Primary School Committee, praying that certain children from 7 to 14, who have never been qualified for admission into the Town Schools may be provided for, and which was referred by the Town to this Board, be committed to the following gentlemen, & that they be directed to report thereon — viz

Dr. John G. Coffin. Miss. D. W. Child
Rev. Jno Pierpont. B. Russell
A. Babcock.

Masters & Ushers appointed

Voted That the following persons be appointed Masters and Ushers to the several Writing and Grammar Schools for the year 1820.

N. Writing School.	Master,	Jno. Tileston.	Ushers. Elisha Webb. Peter Conant
N. Grammar School.	Master,	Nath. Storrs.	Usher, Campbell
Hawkins St. Writing S.	"	Benj. Holt	" Robinson
Grammar	"	Hale J. Kelley	" J. P. Bigelow
Centre Writing S.	"	Jonr. Snelling	" Jno. H. Belcher
Grammar	"	B. D. Emerson	" A. C. Davison
Franklin Writing S.	"	Rufus Webb.	" Geo. Fracker
Grammar.	"	Thomas Payson.	
Boylston Writing S.	"	Eb. E. Finch	" Valentine
Grammar.	"	John Stickney	" Bailey
Sch. at S. Boston	"	Zept. Woods	
Sch. for Africans	"	James Waldack	

Latin Sch.

On the subject of fixing the Salaries, and the appointment of the Principal Submaster and Ushers of the Latin School, a number of Resolutions were ~~read~~ offered by Mr S. A. Wells, and by permission of the Chairman read (See Paper E.) whereupon — Voted — That all that part which relates to the establishment of an English Classical School, be referred to a Committee of 5. as follows; Messrs. S. A. Wells, J. Pierpont, N. L. Frothingham, W. Wells. B. Russell.

English Classical School

Latin Sch. Salary Master appd.

Voted That the Salary of the Principal Master of the Latin School for the present year be fixed at Two thousand Dollars — of the Submaster One thousand, and of each of the Ushers, Six hundred Dollars.

Voted That Mr B. A. Gould be appointed Master; Mr Child, Submaster; and Messrs. Brewer, Stephenson, and Cross, Ushers of said School.

Voted That the Salaries heretofore allowed to the Master Submaster and Ushers of the Latin School be considered in full for their services hitherto rendered.

Fire buckets for Schools

The Comd. appointed to procure fire-buckets for the School houses, made report in part, that they were in a state of forwardness, and would shortly be placed as directed.

Adjourned

At a meeting of the School Committee held this day July 13. 1820 { July 13. 1820

Present The Chairman, Dr Dexter, Revd Ch. Lowell, Revd N. L. Frothingham, B. Russell, Lem. Shaw, Dr Coffin, H. J. Oliver, Jonathan Loring, Jer. Fitch, D. W. Child S. A. Wells, S. Billings, Robt. Fenelly, W. Wells.

Latin School Master &c. A Memorial from the Submaster and Ushers of the Latin School was read;

It was moved and seconded, that the Salary of the Submaster of the Latin School be raised to Twelve hundred Dollars; being the sum voted last year —

The Question being taken, it passed in the negative.

A motion was made; to raise the salary of the two principal Ushers to $800, as last year. Negatived

New School house. Messrs Williams and D. W. Child were added to the Committee for building the New School House.

Visitation of Schools. Voted That the Annual Visitation of the Schools be on the 23d of August next, to take place in the same course as last year.

Adjourned

1820 Sept. 26 } At a meeting of the School Committee, held this day,

Latin School Master. A letter was read from Mr B. A. Gould, Master of the Latin School, stating the increased number of boys in his school, and requesting that an additional Usher may be appointed —

Voted That this request be granted, and that the sub-committee be desired to appoint, pro tempore as usual.

* Ushers. The appointment by the sub-committee of Mr Alexander Young as usher at the Latin School, in the place of Mr Cross, resigned, was confirmed.

Maps of U. S. Voted That the Chairman be authorized to subscribe for Eight copies of Melish's Map of the United States, for the use of the Schools.

School Houses. Voted That the question relative to the powers of the Committee to permit the use of the School Houses to any purposes except that of the public Instruction of the Children of the Town, be referred to a Committee, to report thereon — when the following gentlemen were chosen. Sam. A. Wells Esq. Hem. Shaw, & Rev C. Lowell.

English Classical School. Voted That the subject of the Classical school be referred to the original Committee & Wells Esq being excused from serving on said committee, and Hem: Shaw Esq substituted in his room.

The meeting was adjourned to this day four weeks at 4 o-clock P. M.

* Mr Jonathan Davis† was appointed in consequence of this vote, but did not enter the School until Dec

† Mr. Edward G. Davis, son of Jonathan. — J. Pierpont — see?

1820
Octr. 26th.

At a Meeting of the School Committee held this day, present Messrs. Williams, J. A. Wells, Babcock, Child, Fitch, Baxter, Fenelly, Coffin, Shaw, Russell, F. J. Cliver.

Sec. pro tem. In the absence of the Secy. Mr Cliver was chosen Secretary pro. Tem.

West School Usher. A Communication was read from Saml. Bowles, requesting to be rec. as a substitute to Mr Bigelow, Usher in the W. Reading Schl.

Voted. That the same be committed to the Sub Comd. of the West School for decision.

Howard Benev. So. An application was read from Messrs. Thomas Nose & Moses Grant a comd. of the Howard Benevolent Society, requesting the use of the School house in School street, for the purpose of making arrangements for the Annual Meeting of the Society —

Voted. That the said request be granted; on condition, that the applicants hold themselves personally responsible for any injury or damage that may accrue in consequence of said meeting being there holden, and that this condition be considered as a permanent regulation, applicable to all similar requests hereafter made to this board.

Eng. Classical Sch. The Committee on the subject of the new School, called "The English Classical School" made a report. On Motion Voted That the Report be considered in detail.

Voted ... That it is expedient to establish an English Classical School in the Town of Boston.

Voted ... That the Report be printed for the use of the members of the Gen: Sch. Committee.

Voted ... That the consideration of the other branches of the Report be referred to an adjourned meeting of this Board.

Voted ... That this meeting be adjourned to Thursday Novr. 9 at 4 o'clock, P. M.

1820 Novr 9 } At a meeting of the School Committee held this day. Present Messrs. Sharp Pierpont, S. A. Wells, W. Wells, Russell, Welsh, F. J. Oliver H. J. Oliver, Shaw, Fenelly, Babcock, Billings.

Sec. pro tem. Dr. Welsh was chosen Secy pro tem.

Eng. Clas. Sch. The Report respecting the English Classical School, having been printed for the use of the Board was read and debated by paragraphs

Several Amendments were proposed and adopted.

Voted That this report be accepted as amended

Voted That is be signed by the Chairman, & printed and distributed for the information of the Citizens.

Voted That the Selectmen be requested to call a Town Meeting for the consideration of the same at such time as they may think proper

Sec. pro tem The Secy being excused from farther attendance at the present meeting, Mr F. J. Oliver was chosen pro tem:

Hale An application was read from Mr David Hale Jr for the use of a room in Boylston School, for the accommodation of one of the primary Schools of the Town, at such rent as the Town may fix: On Motion

Voted That Mr Hale have leave to withdraw his application.

Voted That the Vote for raising a sub-committee upon the subject of establishing an English Classical School, precede the Report in the publication of the same.

Voted That a Sub-Comte be appointed to superintend the publication of the Report with the several Votes relating thereto.

Voted That the Subcommittee who made the report be the Comte of superintendence

At a Meeting of the School Committee held this day, January 23d. 1821, at Faneuil Hall { 1821 Jany 23d

Sullivan

A petition was read from W. Sullivan and others; praying, that in consequence of a school having been unexpectedly discontinued, their sons and wards may be admitted into the public Latin Grammar School.

Voted That the Sub-Committee of the Latin School be authorized to grant the prayer of the petitioners, if they see fit.

Derne St. Sch. Eng. Class. Sch.

Voted That the third story of the new School-house in Derne Street, be appropriated for the present to the use of the English Classical School.

Voted That the Committee originally appointed to report upon the establishment of an English Classical School, be further directed to consider of the time when it may be proper for such school to go into operation; to enquire into the qualifications of such persons as may become candidates for the offices of Principal, Sub-Master and Ushers, and to recommend to the choice of this Board such persons as they may judge properly qualified for these stations — and also, to take such measures, generally, as may conduce to and facilitate the operation of the plan. Voted also, that the same Committee be authorized to direct the third story in the new School House in Derne street to be finished in such a manner as they may think best and most convenient for the purpose

The Revd N. L. Frothingham was excused from the above Committee, and the Revd Ch. Lowell chosen in his place.

New Sch.

Voted That the Sub Committee of the English Classical School be authorized to consider the subject of the new Reading & Writing school to be opened in Derne street, and to report on the same as soon as convenient to this Comee.

Names of Sch.

A Committee was appointed to consider the propriety of giving specific names to the several Reading & Grammar schools in this town; to consist of — The Chairman

W. Weles Esq

Revd Ch. Lowell

Fire buckets

Voted That the building Comee of the new School-House be desired to procure 20 fire-buckets, to be placed in the entry of said building.

Hawkins St. Sch.

Sundry letters were read, written by Mr Kelley, Master of the Reading School in Hawkins

street, relative to an insult offered to the said Master by some of the boys, and by one of the parents. A Report was read from the Sub-Committee of the said school, with regard to this affair.

Voted That the Report of the Sub Committee be accepted

Hawkins St School

Voted also, That James Crowbridge, a scholar in the Hawkins street school, in consequence of his own misconduct and that of his father, be for the present excluded from said school, and be refused admission into any of the public Schools, until he and his father shall have exhibited such proofs of sorrow for their offence, and have made such reparation to Mr Kelley, as in his judgment and that of the Sub-committee shall be esteemed satisfactory; and that this vote be communicated to the several Masters of the public Schools by the Secretary.

Voted That the conduct of Mr Kelley in this unfortunate business is entirely approved by this Board.

Voted also That the subject be re-committed to the Sub-committee of Hawkins St. School, with directions to report upon the propriety of instituting a suit against the father of the said Crowbridge for his conduct to the Master of the School, and for his offence against the order and decorum of the School — To report at the next meeting of the Board.

Eng. Cls. Sch.

Voted That the proceedings of the School Committee respecting an English Classical School, as printed and submitted to the consideration of the Town January 15th 1821, together with the vote of the Town thereon, be inserted in the Records.

Adjourned.

Eng. Clas. Sch.

"Proceedings of the School Committee of the Town of Boston respecting an English Classical School.

In School Committee June 26. 1820.

Voted That such of the resolutions offered by S. A. Wells Esq as relate to the establishment of an English Classical School in the Town of Boston, be referred to a sub. committee of Five; and the following gentlemen were chosen,

Mr Samuel A. Wells, Revd Jno. Pierpont, Revd N. L. Frothingham, Lem. Shaw, & Benj.n Russell Esqrs.

At a meeting of the School Committee on the 26.th October, the above Committee made a report, which was read: it was then Voted — That it is expedient to establish an English Classical School, upon the plan stated in the Report in the Town of Boston; and that the further consideration thereof be referred to an adjourned meeting, and that it be printed for the use of the members of the Committee.

At a meeting of the School Committee on the 9.th of November 1820 the Report of the Sub. Committee on the English Classical School, having been printed for the use of the Board, was read and successively considered by paragraphs, amended, and unanimously accepted; as follows,

"The Sub-committee, to whom were referred the Resolutions offered to the School Committee at a Meeting on the 19.th of June, proposing to establish an English Classical School in the Town of Boston, having taken the subject of those Resolutions into consideration, and devoted to it that attention which its importance demanded, ask leave to

Report

"Though the present system of public education, and the munificence with which it is supported, are highly beneficial and honorable to the Town; yet in the opinion of the Committee, it is susceptible of a greater degree of perfection and usefulness, without materially augmenting the weight of the public burdens. To this recently, our system occupied a middle station: it neither commenced with the rudiments of Education, nor extended to the higher branches of knowledge. This system was supported by the Town at a very great expence, and to be admitted to its advantages, certain preliminary qualifications were required at individual cost, which had the effect of excluding many children of the poor and unfortunate classes of the community, from the benefits of a public education. The Town

saw and felt this inconvenience in the plan, and have removed the defect by providing Schools in which the children of the poor can be fitted for admission into the public seminaries.

"The present system, in the opinion of the committee, requires still further amendment. The studies that are pursued at the English grammar schools, are merely elementary, and more time than is necessary is needed for their acquisition. A scholar is admitted at seven, and is dismissed at fourteen years of age: thus, seven years are expended in the acquisition of a degree of knowledge, which with ordinary diligence and a common capacity, may be easily and perfectly acquired in five. If then, a boy remain the usual term, a large portion of the time will have been idly or uselessly expended, as he may have learned all that he may have been taught long before its expiration. This loss of time occurs at that interesting and critical period of life, when the habits & inclinations are forming by which the future character will be fixed and determined. This evil, therefore, should be removed, by enlarging the present system, not merely that the time now lost may be saved, but that those early habits of industry and application may be acquired, which are so essential in leading to a future life of virtue and usefulness

Nor are these the only existing evils. The mode of education now adopted, and the branches of knowledge that are taught at our English grammar schools, are not sufficiently extensive, nor otherwise calculated to bring the powers of the mind into operation, nor to qualify a youth to fill usefully and respectably many of those stations, both public and private, in which he may be placed. A parent, who wishes to give a child an education that shall fit him for active life, and shall serve as a foundation for eminence in his profession, whether Mercantile or Mechanical, is under the necessity of giving him a different education from any which our public schools can now furnish. Hence many children are seperated from their parents and sent to private academies in this vicinity, to acquire that instruction which cannot be obtained at the public seminaries. Thus, many parents, who contribute largely to the support of these institutions, are subjected to heavy expence for the same object, in other towns.

The Committee, for these and many other weighty considerations that might be offered, and in order to render the present system of public education more nearly perfect, are of opinion, that an additional School is required. They

therefore, recommend the founding of a seminary which shall be called the English Classical School, and submit the following as a general outline of a plan for its organization and of the course of studies to be pursued.

1st. That the term of time for pursuing the course of studies proposed, be three years.

2ndly. That the School be divided into three classes, and one year be assigned to the studies of each class.

3rdly. That the age of admission be not less than twelve years.

4thly. That the School be for Boys exclusively.

5thly. That candidates for admission be proposed on a given day annually; but scholars with suitable qualifications, may be admitted at any intermediate time to an advanced standing.

6thly. That candidates for admission shall be subject to a strict examination, in such manner as the School Committee may direct to ascertain their qualifications according to these rules.

7thly. That it be required of every candidate, to qualify him for admission, that he be well acquainted with reading, writing, English grammar in all its branches, and arithmetic as far as simple proportion.

8thly. That it be required of the Master and Ushers, as a necessary qualification, that they shall have been regularly educated at some University.

The Studies of the First Class to be as follows;

Composition.
Reading from the most approved authors.
Exercises in Criticism, comprising critical analyses of the language, grammar and style of the best English authors, their errors & beauties.
Declamation
Geography.
Arithmetic continued.

The Studies of the Second Class.

Composition,
Reading,
Exercises in Criticism,
Declamation,
Algebra,

Ancient and Modern History and Chronology.
Logic.
Geometry.
Plane Trigonometry; and its application to mensuration of Heights and Distances.
Navigation.
Surveying.
Mensuration of Superficies & Solids.
Forensic Discussions.

The Studies of the Third Class

Composition;
Exercises in Criticism;
Declamation;
Mathematics;
Logic;
History; particularly that of the United States;
} Continued

Natural Philosophy, including Astronomy;
Moral and Political Philosophy.

To conduct a Seminary of this description, the Committee are of opinion, that one Principal Master, one Sub-master, and two Ushers will be required;
The Principal at a salary of $ 1500 per Ann.
Submaster 1200
Two Ushers; one at $ 700
one at 600 1300

$ 4000.

This sum, in the opinion of the Committee, with the other usual expences of Schools, will be adequate to the support of such an institution. No additional building will be required, as those which are now built, and authorized by the Town to be built, will be sufficient. The Committee therefore recommend that an annual appropriation of this sum be obtained from the Town, and that a farther sum be obtained either by private subscription, or from public munificence, to furnish the School with the necessary instruments and philosophical apparatus.

The Committee are further of opinion, that the expence which would be incurred by the establishment of such an Institution, would be fully justified by its great and manifold advantages. No money can be better expended than that which is appropriated to the support of public Schools. If any thing will preserve tranquility & order in a community, perpetuate the blessings of society & free government, and promote the happiness and prosperity of a people, it must be the general diffusion of knowledge. What salutary effects, the Committee conceive, would flow from the institution of this Seminary. Its establishment, they think, would raise the literary and scientific character of the Town, would excite our youth to a laudable ambition of distinguishing themselves in the pursuit

and acquisition of knowledge, and would give strength and stability to the civil and religious institutions of our country.

All which is respectfully submitted, by order of the Committee.

Boston October 26th 1820. J. A. Wells, Chairman.

Voted That this Report, with the proceedings thereon, be printed and distributed among the citizens of the Town, and that the plan of the School therein stated be recommended by this Committee to the people for acceptance.

Voted That the Selectmen be requested to carry this vote into effect, and to call a public meeting of the inhabitants of the town, to consider and act thereon at such time as they shall deem expedient.

By order of the School Committee,

Elisha Alet Williams, Chairman.

(Copy)

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Boston, held on the 15th day of January, A.D. 1821

The foregoing plan for the establishment of an English Classical School, was submitted, and after debate, was nearly unanimously accepted by the Town, but three persons voting in the negative; and the School Committee were authorized to carry the same into effect. — And it was further

Voted That the School Committee from year to year, be and hereby are instructed to revise the course of studies proposed in the report this day made and accepted for the new School, and adopt such measures as experience shall dictate, and the object of its establishment require.

A true copy from the Records

Attest Thos. Clark, Town Clerk.

Feby 19th 1821 } At a Meeting of the School Committee held this day Feby 19. 1821 at Faneuil Hall.

Wood School house S. Boston

Some letters were read from Mr Zephaniah Wood to the Chairman, enclosing letters from Mr W. Andrews, relative to a demand made by the said W. Andrews and others for the use of the School-house in S. Boston for the purpose of preaching &c.

Voted ..... That the conduct of the Chairman in this affair is entirely approved by this Board.

Voted ..... That Lemuel Shaw Esq, the Chairman, and Daniel Baxter Esq be a Committee to enquire into the tenure by which the School-house in South Boston is held; the sums of money which have been expended in its erection and support of the School there; and, generally, into such other particulars as they may judge it expedient; and to report the same.

Hawkins St. Sch.

The Sub-Committee of the Hawkins Street school reported verbally —— That it is not expedient to take any further measures upon the matter of Snowbridge and his son; which report was accepted.

Eng. Class. Sch.

A Report was read from the Sub-committee on the English Classical School; which Report was accepted, and Mr George Barrel Emerson was unanimously chosen Principal of the English Classical School.

Derne St. Sch.

Voted That the Sub-Committee on the E. Cl. School be desired to take into consideration the subject of the New Reading Grammar & Writing School to be established in Derne Street, and to report to this Board the names of such persons as they may judge properly qualified for Masters and Ushers in said School. Voted, That the same Sub-Committee be authorized to direct when the Salary of Mr Emerson the Principal of the E. Cl. School, shall commence.

At a Meeting of the School Committee held this day Feb: 27. 1821, at Faneuil Hall { Feby 27 1821

Stocks

Voted That the Hon: H. G. Otis be requested and is hereby empowered, to receive any unclaimed dividends upon Stock of the U.S. standing in the name of this Comte.

Derne st Sch.

A Report was read from the Committee on the New Reading Grammar, and writing Schools in Derne Street

Voted That the Report be accepted, so far as to allow the Committee further time in the choice of the Reading & Grammar Master, for the new School.

After discussion, the Board proceeded to the choice of a Writing Master for the said school, by Ballot; when Mr John H. Belcher was chosen.

Voted – That his salary commence when the School in Derne street shall go into operation.

S. Boston Sch. house

A Report was read from the Committee to enquire into the Tenure by which the School-house in South Boston is held &c &c

Voted That said Report be accepted, and entered upon the Records of this Board.

Here follows said Report

"Boston Feby 27. 1821"

"The Sub-committee appointed to enquire by what tenure the School-house at S. Boston is held, and what right the Town has therein, respectfully ask leave to report"

"That they have taken the subject into consideration; that in consequence of the loss of the Records of this Comte embracing the period of time at which said school-house was built, they have been unable to ascertain from the best authority what votes were passed relative to the subject. Your Committee, however, have since their appointment, visited the School in S. Boston; and from conversation with some of the Citizens of that part of the Town, and particularly with Mr Woodward, who appears to have had the principal agency in the Transaction, they have ascertained the following particulars" ——

That about three or four years after the annexation to this town, of that part of Dorchester now called South Boston, an application was made by several of the inhabitants to the School-Committee for aid in supporting a School at that part of the town; the inhabitants having previously made some exertions to establish a private

school there. The School-committee therefore voted an appropriation of three hundred dollars annually for this object, and authorized a person agreed upon by the inhabitants, to receive the money and apply it under the direction of a committee of the inhabitants of S. Boston. The School Committee did not at that time, take the School at South-Boston under their own immediate management. When this appropriation was made, a question arose, how they should build a school-house. They endeavored to do this, by applying a sufficient sum out of the money thus allowed by the town. For this purpose Mr Woodward contracted with a Mr Everett to build the house for four hundred Dollars, finding also the materials; to be paid for, One hundred Dollars on the commencement of the work, another hundred dollars at the completion, and the remainder in one and two years. The house was built, and paid for according to the contract. During this period however, before the house was fully paid for, as the sum left for the payment of the schoolmaster was small, it is stated that the sum of about forty or fifty dollars was raised by the inhabitants by voluntary subscription, to help out the compensation of the master and keep him contented until the appropriation of the town should be relieved from the charge of building the house. After the house was paid for, the whole sum allowed by the town was paid to the Master.

Mr Woodward states, that he consulted with Mr Bulfinch, the Chairman of the Selectmen and School-Committee, as to what land the house should be placed on, & recommended as a suitable place, a piece of land included in one of those which are laid out on the plan, and appropriated by the proprietors for streets, but upon which no street has yet been actually laid out. The house was so placed with the consent of Mr Bulfinch, and now stands upon land expressly appropriated to public uses. No objections appear ever to have been made to this by the proprietors of the land, or by any person claiming any interest therein. It appears that the appropriation of three hundred dollars was subsequently raised to three hundred and fifty, and then to four hundred. Within a few years it has been raised to six hundred dollars, so as to put the Master on the same footing as with the Ushers of the other public schools. Since that time, as it is well known to the Committee, the School at South Boston has been

taken under their immediate care, the Master receives his salary at the treasury in quarterly payments, the School is regularly visited, medals are given, meritorious pupils are complimented, and the school is placed precisely upon the same establishment with all the public schools of the town. Within the last year the School-house has been repaired, a yard enclosed for its accommodation under the direction of the Selectmen and at the expense of the Town. The land upon which the house stands is not at present wanted for the purpose of a street, and it is uncertain when it will. From these facts your Committee are of opinion, that the School-house in question is the property of the town, in their actual possession and occupation, and that the town by their agents have the same right to the exclusive use, control, and appropriation of said house, as to all the other public school-houses in the town. It is not now necessary to decide whether the fee of soil on which it stands is in the original proprietors, the town, or the Commonwealth. The proprietors covenanted that such land should be set apart for streets, to be laid out and actually made, whenever the Selectmen might think fit. How the property in the soil stands in the mean time, might perhaps be a question of some difficulty, and would depend altogether upon the terms of agreement between the proprietors and the town. Your Committee have not thought it necessary to investigate this question farther, because as before stated, the right and possession of the town is not questioned by any person claiming an interest in the land.

But it is understood, that some claims are made by certain inhabitants of S. Boston, on the ground, that as the original appropriation was made for their benefit, if they took the money to build a house, instead of using it all in the support of the School, more especially as they contributed something in the mean time to aid in the support of their school, they have thereby acquired some right in the house itself, distinct from that of the inhabitants of the Town generally. But your Committee can see no substantial ground for such a claim. Every School-house is more immediately beneficial to the neighbourhood in which it is situated, than to the more distant parts of the Town. If the agents of the town were hesitating about building such a house, on account of the expense, and some of the neighbours on account of such interest, were voluntarily to contribute towards it, the house would not be less the property of the Town. Again, if the money were entrusted to a Committee

of persons in the neighbourhood in which a school-house was to be built, on account of their more immediate interest, and such money were accordingly laid out in building such a school-house by such committee, instead of being expended under the immediate direction of the Selectmen or School-committee, such school-house would not the less be the property of the Town.

On the whole your Committee are clearly of opinion, that, as against all persons but the owners of the soil, the Town has a clear and exclusive property in said school-house, and as their right is not questioned or disputed by such owner or owners, whoever they may be, the Town has an unquestionable right to the use and control of said school-house, and by its agents may regulate and limit the use of it in such manner as they think fit"

On the Committee Samuel Shaw.

Schools named

"The Committee to whom was referred the consideration, of the propriety and expediency of designating each of the Schools in the Town of Boston, by an appropriate name, reported as follows——" "That in their opinion, the propriety and expediency of such a measure cannot be doubted. They therefore propose;

That the school on Bennet street be called "the Eliot School;
" the school on Hawkins st be called "the Mayhew School;
" the school on Mason st be called "the Adams School;"

and further, that

"The school on Nassau st be continued "the Franklin School;
The school on Fort Hill be continued "the Boylston School;
The school on School st be continued the Latin School.

"And that the names by which the Schools are designated may become familiar both to the Scholars and the inhabitants of the town, the Committee recommend, that the Selectmen be requested to cause suitable Boards or Signs with the name legibly painted thereon to be placed on each School-House"

Elijh: Williams Chairman

Which Report was accepted.

1821
March 20th

At a legal meeting of the School Committee held this day March 20th 1821

It appeared from the vote of the Town communicated by the Town-clerk, that the Revd Paul Dean was chosen member of the School Committee in place of Dr Aaron Dexter, resigned.

Eliphalet Williams Esqr was chosen Chairman.

Wm Wells Esqr was chosen Secretary and Treasurer.

Voted ... That Lemuel Shaw and H.J. Oliver Esqrs be a Committee to examine and pass the accounts of the Treasurer.

Voted .... That the question be taken by ballot upon the appointment of the Masters of the Public Schools; when the following were chosen, and confirmed in their several stations for the present year; viz —

masters chosen

Mr Benjn A Gould, Master of the Latin School.
" D. W. Child, Sub-master do.
" N. Storrs, Reading Master of the Eliot School.
" B. Holt, Writing Master of the Mayhew School.
" Hall J. Kelley, Reading & Grammar Master do
" B. D. Emerson, Ready & Gr Master Adams Sch:
" Jona Snelling, Writing Master do.
" Rufus Webb, Writing Master Franklin Sch:
" Jn° Stickney, Ready & Gr: Master E. Boylston Sch:
" Zeph: Wood Master of Sch: in South Boston.
" James Waldach Master of the African School.

2d writing master Eliot Sch.

Mr Elisha Webb was chosen Second Writing Master of the Eliot School, with a salary equal to that of the other Writing Masters of the Town*. (See Note below)

Voted .... That the powers heretofore given to the Sub-committee of the English Classical School, viz. Messrs S. A. Wells, Shaw, Lowell, Pierpont & Russell, be revived; and they be further empowered to report a proper person for the place of Reading and Grammar Master of the Franklin School.

Mr G. B. Emerson was reappointed Master of the E. Cl: School, and Mr Jn° H. Belcher Writing Master.

Tilestow

* Whereas Mr John Tileston has been for the long period of years a faithful and highly acceptable servant of the town in the office of writing master, and therefore it is peculiarly proper that he should still continue to enjoy the rank and station of a master, with the emoluments thereof which are more than ever necessary to his comfortable support in the decline of life; yet as on account of his age and infirmities he is utterly incapable of discharging the duties of his office; Voted That Mr Tileston be continued as Writing Master of the Eliot School for the ensuing year; and that this Board now proceed to the choice of a second Writing Master of the said School.

Ushers — Voted .... That the Ushers of the several schools be confirmed in their stations for the present year.

Salaries of Masters & Ushers. — Voted .... That the salary of the Reading and Writing Masters of the Town be Twelve hundred Dollars, includ the grant; and that the salary of the Ushers of the several schools be Six Hundred Dollars

Voted .... That the salaries of the Master, Sub-master, and Ushers of the Latin School be continued as last year.

Webb Miss — Upon the petition of Miss Webb respecting the condition of the Coloured people in the north part of the town, presented last year and referred to the sub-committee of the N. School; be again committed to the same; to report at next meeting of the Board.

Sub Com.ees

Sub-Committees for Visiting the Schools.

Latin School School street.	Rev.d Ch: Lowell Rev.d N. L. Frothingham W. Wells
English Classical School Derne street	S. A. Wells Esq.r Rev.d Ch. Lowell Rev.d Jn.o Pierpont Lemuel Shaw Benj.n Russell Esq.rs
Eliot School N. Bennet street	Rob.t Fenelly H. J. Oliver Ab. Babcock Esq.r Rev.d Paul Dean
Adams Schools Nassau street	Elisshalet Williams Esq.r D.r John G. Coffin Rev.d Daniel Sharp.
Franklin Schools [illegible]	F. J. Oliver Lem: Shaw Dan.l Baxter Esq.rs
Mayhew Schools Hawkins street.	D.r Tho.s Welsh Jer: Fitch Jon.a Loring Esq.rs
Boylston Schools Fort Hill	Benj.n Russell D. W. Child Sam: Billings Esq.rs.
School at S. Boston.	Committee for Franklin Schools.
African School Belknap street	Rev.d Daniel Sharp Jer: Fitch Esq.r

Voted ... That the Sub-committees visit their respective Schools once a month, in discharge of the duties of their appointment.

At a legal meeting of the School-committee held at Faneuil Hall this day, March 29th 1821.

Franklin & Boylston Schools

The Committee to whom was referred with other subjects, the selection of Masters for the Franklin Reading and Boylston Writing Schools reported as follows. "After mature consideration, your Committee recommend, that Mr Payson and Mr Finch be re-appointed until the annual Visitation in August next, to their former offices, on probation; that a letter be addressed to each of those gentlemen by the Chairman of the general Committee, stating, "That dissatisfaction exists in the minds of the Committee respecting the condition of their schools, and urging the necessity of reform by greater vigilance, and more attention to the duties of their stations." And moreover, That a Sub committee be appointed particularly to investigate and designate the causes of the evils which exist, and of the state of those schools generally, and to communicate to the Committee the effects of the proposed admonition. This Sub-committee to be joined to the regular sub-committee on each of those Schools."

"The sub-committee, having thus reported in part, respectfully request permission to sit again upon the unfinished business referred to them." By order S. A. Wells.

Voted That this report be accepted.

The following committees were chosen, to be associated with the respective sub-committees; viz

On the Boylston School { S. A. Wells; H. J. Oliver Esqr; Revd. Paul Dean.

On the Franklin School { Revd. N. L. Frothingham; Dr. Coffin; Revd. Jno. Pierpont.

Brewer & Stevenson

Upon Petition of Messrs. Brewer & Stephenson respecting a grant; Voted... That the Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition.

Primary Sch. Com.

Voted... That the Sub-committee of the Primary Schools be heard before this Committee at its next meeting.

Webb

A Report of the Sub-committee of the N. School relating to the Petition of Miss Webb for allowance was received.

School houses

Voted.... That the School houses be used only for the purposes for which they were originally designed, or for such town-purposes as the Board of Selectmen may specially permit.

71.

At a legal meeting of the School Committee held at Faneuil Hall this day, April 21st 1821. } 1821 April 21st

Primary sch. Voted That the sub-committee of the Primary Schools be now heard on the subject of a grant for establishing an additional School.

The Sub committee were accordingly heard in support of the Petition.

Eng. Clas. Sch. & Derne st. Sch. The sub committee on the English Classical School reported upon that school, and also relative to the School in the new building in Derne Street

After discussion, the first part of the Report, viz, that relating to the E. Cl. School, was accepted, and Mr Josh: Flint was chosen Usher until Commencement. The Committee had leave to sit again for the completion of their duties.

Derne st. Sch. master chosen The Rev Warren Pierce was chosen Master of the Reading and Grammar school in Derne Street; and Messrs Barnabas Whitney and Luther Parker were appointed Ushers in the Writing schools in Mason & Derne Streets. The location of the Ushers was left with the sub-committee.

Adams st. Mr Samuel T. Adams was chosen Usher in the Reading School in Derne street. Mr L. Parker was appointed to the Adams School, and Mr B. Whitney to that in Derne street.

Adjourned to Tuesday Ap. 24. 4 o-clock. P.M.

1821
April
24th

At a legal Meeting of the School Committee held this day April 24th 1821

Boylston Sch. Voted That the whole matter relating to the difficulties in the Boylston Writing School, be referred to the sub committee of that school in conjunction with the additional committee; with full powers to investigate the causes of these evils, and to apply the proper remedies.

Primary Sch. Voted That the Committee of the Primary Schools be authorized to fill up any vacancies which may occur in that body during the present year.

Eng. Clas. Sch. Voted That the sub-committee of the English classical School be considered as the sub-committee on the new Grammar school in Derne street.

3d Bap. So. The Petition of Messrs Tho: Kendall & E. Lincoln in behalf of the Third Baptist Society for the use of the new School house in Derne street for a sabbath school, was referred to the sub committee of that School.

S. Boston Sch. for a new School The Petition of sundry persons in S. Boston for the establishment of a new School in that part of the town, was referred to the sub-committee of the Franklin Schools.

Primary Sch. Com. The Petition of the Committee of the Primary Schools for a grant for an additional school or schools, was referred to a Committee; to report to this Board. The following gentlemen were appointed members

The Chairman
F. J. Oliver
H. J. Oliver Esqr
Revd Ch. Lowell
Revd Paul Dean

Eliot Sch. Voted That the sub committee of the Eliot School be authorized to engage an usher to take charge of some scholars in the Vestry, until the opening of the new School-house in Derne street.

Globes for Schools

Voted That a Committee be appointed to consider the propriety of furnishing the several schools with Celestial & Terrestrial Globes.

W. Wells Esq
Revd Ch. Lowell
T. J. Oliver Esq

Books for used in Sch.

Voted That a Committee be chosen to revise the list of Books ordered to be made use of in the Reading and Grammar Schools, and to report a list of such Books as are proper to be used in said schools; in order that a uniformity in this respect may be preserved.

Revd J. Pierpont
S. A. Wells Esq
Dr Coffin
Revd N. L. Frothingham
T. J. Oliver Esq

School masters to be addressd by letter.

Voted That the Secy be desired to address a letter to each of the Masters of the public Schools inculcating the importance and necessity of putting a stop to all profane and improper language among the scholars; and that the Masters be desired to report to their respective sub committees the names of such boys as offend and are found incorrigible in this respect

1821
June
30th

At a Meeting of the School Committee, held this day June 30th 1821

Bap. 3d. So. Upon the Petition of Messrs Thomas Kendall and E. Lincoln, a report was made by the Comte of the School in Deane st against the granting of the said petition; which report was accepted.

Philosoph. Ins. Voted That the sum of 2500 dollars, making part of the general fund voted by the Town for School purposes during the present year, be appropriated to the purchase of Philosophical Instruments for the use of the E. Latin School.

Sch. Mutual In. to be estab. Voted That, on the request of the Committee of the Primary Schools, it is expedient that the sum of One thousand Dollars be appropriated for the establishment of a School of Mutual Instruction, under the same regulations and control, as the other schools of the town; and the Chairman of this Committee be requested to make application to the Town for the appropriation aforesaid.

Schools time of meeting Voted That the hour for the commencement of the afternoon schools, during the Summer season be 3 o-clock

Deane st. Sch. Voted That the Sub-Comte of the E. Latin School be desired to report a name for the new school in Deane street.

Females - medals Voted That the sub-committee of the North Schools be desired to report upon the propriety of giving medals in the Schools for Females.
Messrs B. Rhoades & Dan. Baxter Esqrs were added

School houses to be let. Upon the latter clause of the Report of the sub-committee, which is as follows "As it is stated, that some of the "Town School-houses have been used for similar purposes, "your committee recommend that enquiry be made, to "ascertain, by what authority the permission has been granted."
A Comte was chosen for the purpose of making such enquiry; when Messrs F. J. Oliver, O. Sharp & H. J. Oliver were chosen.

1821
July
12th.

At a Meeting of the School Committee,
held this day, July 12th 1821

School for mutual Ins.

Voted — That the Chairman, W. Wells, and Sem: Shaw Esqrs, be a committee to carry into effect the vote of the Town for the establishment of a school on the plan of mutual instruction; and that they be authorized to avail themselves of the assistance of such gentlemen as may be disposed to aid them in the accomplishment of this object.*

Derne St. School

Voted That the sub committee of the E. Classical School be authorized to make such arrangements in locating the schools, and appropriating the several rooms of the School-house on Derne Street, as they may think proper.

Voted the said sub-committee have further time allowed them to report a name suitable to the said building

African Sch. Com.ee

Voted That the Rev. Paul Dean be added to the sub-committee on the African School, with power to this committee to examine into the conduct of the Master, and to take such measures respecting him, or the appointment of a new master as they may think proper.

School Com.ee List to be printed

Voted That the Chairman be authorized to procure the printing of 200 copies each of the list of sub-committee for the present year, and also of the Com.ee on Primary Schools.

Annual visitation of Sch.

Voted That the Chairman, W. Wells and Sem. Shaw Esqrs be a Committee to make arrangements for the annual visitation of the schools, and with powers to make such arrangement of the sub-committees, and in the Order of the Exercises at the several Schools, as they may think proper.

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Sch. for mutual Inst.

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Boston, holden by adjournment July 2d 1821 — "That on the request of the Committee of Primary Schools, it is expedient that the Sum of One Thousand Dollars be appropriated for the establishment of a school on the System of Mutual Instruction, to be under the same regulations and control as the other public Schools of the Town.

Attest, Thomas Clark, Town Clerk

11 August 3rd 1821

At a meeting of the School Committee held this day, August 3rd. 1821

Sec. pro tem.

The Secy being absent, it was moved & seconded, that S. A. Wells Esq. be Secy for the time.

Medals for females

The Committee on the subject of distributing medals among the most meritorious of the female Scholars, made a report, which was discussed.

Voted That such part of the Report as recommended prizes to be distributed among the female Scholars, was accepted; and ~~four~~ six silver medals were ordered.

Device of Medals

Voted That such part of the report as relates to the device to be placed upon the medals be recommitted to the committee who made the Report; to procure thirty eight silver medals, and to cause a suitable device to be thereon inscribed.

Voted That the Report, as amended, be accepted.

Voted That the medals be distributed to the scholars to whom they have been awarded, on the day of Visitation.

Payson's letter

A letter addressed to the Chairman of the School Committee by Mr Payson, was read.

At a Meeting of the School Committee held this day Sept. 4th 1821

{ September 4th 1821

Eng. Class. Sch.

A Report from the sub committee of the English Classical School respecting the purchase of Philosophical Instruments, and also including a letter to the Rev Dr Prince; was read and accepted.

Boylston Sch.

A Report of the Special Committee of the Boylston school, continuing the Master until next year, and dismissing the present Usher, was agreed to.

Franklin Sch.

A Report from the Special Committee on the Franklin School, was accepted as amended; and is as follows. "The committee appointed to examine into the state of the Reading and Grammar department of the Franklin School now under the care of Mr Payson, in connexion with the sub committee of that school — have attended to that service & report"

"That there has appeared to them evidence of a respectable degree of proficiency in the pupils of Mr Payson:" and that in their opinion it would be expedient to continue Mr Payson in the service of the town till the next annual appointment of Masters."

Sub-comees to make reports in writing

Voted That whenever a Report is made by any sub-committee, to the general Committee the chairman of said sub-committee be desired to communicate the same in writing, and that the said reports be always placed on file.

Novr 8th 1821

At a Meeting of the School Committee, held at the Selectmen's Room, Thursday Novr 8.th 1821, all the Committee present except Messr. Filch, Baxter, Loring, Russell, and the Secretary. ——

Sec. pro tem

Mr H. J. Glover was chosen Secy pro Tem.

Latin Sch. Sub master resigns.

The Chairman stated the occasion of the meeting which was the resignation of Mr Childs, the Submaster of the Latin School.

Voted, That the Sub Committee of the Latin School be authorized to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr Childs, subject to the approbation of this board.

The subject of Salary of the Submaster was brought up and discussed. On Motion —

Voted, That the subject subside.

Ed. mutual Ins.

The subject of providing additional support for the school of mutual Instruction, was discussed, when the origin and present state of the School was communicated verbally by Mr Shaw.

Voted, That the Subcommittee on this subject be requested to prepare a report of their doings, against the next meeting of the Board.

Algor

A letter was read from Mr Israel Alger Jr. requesting that this Board would defray the expenses of the suit of one Pray against him, for an alledged offence in the discharge of his duty as one of the Ushers in a section of the Mayhew and Eliot Schools; last spring, and from which, after repeated trials, he had been cleared, and the dignity of the Schools maintained —— Whereupon, on explanations by Mr Welsh and Mr Babcock, it was

Voted That the Selectmen be requested to pay the Amount of said expenses, say # 23. 10.

School houses.

The subject of the occupation of the School houses was brought up.

Voted That a Committee be appointed to consider the same; the usage heretofore, and the expediency of their being any longer allowed to be occupied otherwise than for public day-schools, as under the direction of this board. L. Shaw, W. Wells, Revd. Ch. Lowell, Revd Jno. Pierpont & Dr Colvin were appointed on said Committee.

Voted That when this Board adjourn, its sitting be adjourned to the Thursday next preceding the second Monday in December next.

Latin Sch. Books for.

On information of the Com^e of the Latin School, that some Books are to be sold which are wanted for the use of the Latin School —

Voted That said Subcommittee be authorized to procure the same thro' the channels mentioned by Mr Gould.

Adjourned

Dec. 7th 1821

At a regular meeting of the School Committee held at Hancock Hall this day Dec 7. 1821 Thursday being Thanksgiving Day.

Sch. mutual Inst.

A Report from the Committee on the School of Mutual Instruction was read, accepted, and directed to be laid before the Town.

Sch. houses occupation

A Report from the Committee on the occupation of the School houses was read, debated and accepted. Two hundred and fifty copies were ordered to be printed.

Treasurer's acct.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurers accounts reported — "That the preceding account commencing March 15. 1819 and ending Sept 1. 1821 is properly vouched and rightly cast, and that there was on the said first day of September in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of Three Dollars ninety four cents"

Committee { Lemuel Shaw / H. J. Clinch

which Report was accepted.

Latin Sch. Sub master chosen

The Sub-Committee of the Latin School reported that Mr Jonathan Greely Stevenson be appointed Instructer of the Latin School in the place of Mr Childs resigned.

Which Report was accepted and Mr Stevenson accordingly appointed Instructer.

The doings of the Sub-Committee of the Eng. Cl. School in procuring a Book-case were approved.

At a Meeting of the School Committee held at Faneuil Hall, this day Jany 4th 1822. { Jany 4 1822

Boston So. for religious & moral instruction of the Poor

A Letter was read from the Directors of the "Boston Society for the religious and moral instruction of the Poor" signed Josiah Salisbury Pres. Sam. Hubbard V. P. and Rev. W. Jenks Secy on the vote passed at the last meeting Dec 7. respecting the sabbath Schools, and requesting that the vote on that subject may be reconsidered.

School houses for Sabbath Schools

Voted That the Secy be directed to authorize the occupation of the School houses for sabbath Schools, upon some proper person's becoming responsible for any damage which may arise from such occupation.

Sabbath Sch.

Voted That a Committee be raised to enquire into the state of the Sabbath Schools, and report upon the propriety of continuing this privilege; and that this Committee consist of Lem. Shaw Esq, Dr Coffin & W. Wells Esq.

Voted That the same Committee be directed to enquire, how far the right of granting permission to occupy the School-houses, resides in the School Committee, and to report upon the subjects aforesaid.

Latin Sch. Usher apd.

Mr Joseph Palmer having been appointed by the Sub-Committee of the Latin School, an Usher in that school

Voted That Mr Palmer be confirmed in his station as an Usher in said school.

Stock Certif.

Voted That the Chairman be authorized to pay Turner Phillips Esq such sum as may be due to him on account of the Certificate of 7 Pr ct Stock now held by the Chairman; and also that the same Committee as has been this day chosen be desired to investigate the rise & state of the before-mentioned certificate, and to report thereon.

April 4th 1822 } At a meeting of the School Committee, held this day at the Selectmen's room;

The Vote of the Town of Febry 28th 1822 was read; which is as follows — viz

"At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the City of Boston on the 28th Febry 1822"

Davis petn. — new Sch. house

"Voted, That the petition of Henry Davis and others be committed to the School Committee, with instructions to them to proceed forthwith to build a Schoolhouse at the North part of the Town, and to locate the same in some suitable place."

"Voted That the School Committee be requested, in building the said School House, to take into consideration the connecting with it an Engine-House, a Watch-House, and a Room for Ward Meetings."

"A true copy from the Records, Thos. Clark Town Clerk"

The said communication having been considered;

place for

Voted That a Committee of Five be appointed to make suitable enquiries, and to fix upon a proper place for a School-house, and to take into consideration the propriety of connecting with it an Engine-house, a Watch-house, and a Room for Ward Meetings.

The following gentlemen were chosen on said Committee — The Chairman
H. J. Oliver Esq.
A. Babcock Esq.
Dr Welsh
Lem. Shaw Esq.

No. 6.

Upon an application of the inhabitants of Ward No 6. for leave to meet this evening on the floor of the School-house in Derne street,

Primary Sch.

Voted That leave be granted.

A Report was read from the Board of Primary Schools bearing date Feb. 19. 1822.

Franklin Sch. masters.

A letter was read from Mr Payson, Reading Master of the Franklin Schools

Voted That the Secretary be desired to furnish Mr Payson with a copy of the Vote of Septr 4th 1821.

April 17th 1822

At a Meeting of the School Committee; held at the Selectmen's Room this day, April 17th 1822

New School house

Voted That the Committee on the new School-house be authorized to purchase a lot of land situated on Clarke's Alley, of which a plan is now submitted, if they see fit.

Voted That the School Committee recommend the including in the same building a Room for Ward meetings, also an Engine-house and a Watch-house.

Voted That the said Committee be authorized to procure a plan for the said building, and also to advertize for contracts by which to build the same.

A Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held this day, Monday, May 6th 1822, at the County Court House; being the first meeting of the Board since the organization of the City Government.

The Board was called to order by his Honor John Phillips, Mayor of the City.

William Wells Esq was chosen Secretary.

Sub Com.es

The Members were distributed into Sub-Committees as follows

Adams & Schools, Mason Street.	His Honor the Mayor Joseph Head, Esq Joseph Jenkins Esq
Hayden Schools, Hawkins street.	Revd. Asa Eaton Dr Horace Bean Jacob Hall Esq
Boylston Schools Fort-Hill	Francis Bassett Esq Sam.l Billings Esq. Ald: B. P. Tilden Esq Ald:
Franklin Schools Mason Street	Joseph Lovering Esq. Ald: Revd Jno. Pierpont Mr W. Dall
Eliot Schools	Ephraim Eliot Esq Ald: W. Little Esq Mr. W. Parmenter.
Latin School	W. Wells Esq. Warren Dutton Esq: Revd W. Jenks.
English Classical School, and other Schools in Derne st.	Revd. Charles Lowell N. P. Russell Esq Ald: Elisha Clap Esq.
Committee of the Sch: in South Boston	The Members of the Sub-Committee of the Franklin Schools.
Com: of African Schools	Com: on Derne street Schools.

Voted That the appointment of Masters and Ushers; as also the fixing of their respective salaries, be deferred until the next meeting.

School com.ee to examine State of.

Voted That a Committee of three be appointed with instructions to visit the several Schools; that they be authorized to enquire into the conduct of the masters and Ushers, into the system of instruction and discipline adopted, and the books used; to examine the scholars, and ascertain their proficiency in the various studies pursued; and, in general, to make such investigations, as may enable the members of the Committee to form a correct judgment respecting the present actual and relative State of each school. — That this Committee be appointed for the period of three Months, and be desired to make their report, in writing as soon convenient, to this Board.

The following Gentlemen were appointed members of the said Committee — viz — W. Wales
Warren Dutton
E. Clap Esqrs

Voted That the Chairman of the above-mentioned Committee be directed to notify the Masters of the appointment of the Committee, but not of the time when the Com.e will visit their respective Schools.

New School house.

Voted That the Sub Committee of the Civil Schools be requested to make a report at the next meeting respecting the state and progress of the New School-house directed to be built by the Vote of the Town of Feby 28. 1822 —

May 18th
1822

At a Meeting of the School Committee held this day May 18. 1822

Derne St. School master dec.d

Voted That the Secretary be authorized to advertise for a proper candidate to fill the office of Reading and Grammar Master in the School in Derne Street, now vacant by the death of the Warren Peirce; and to direct that the applications be made in writing, and be left with the Mayor, to be communicated to this board. Applications to be rec.d until the 4.th of June.

Eliot Sch. Supernumary Scholars.

Voted That the Sub-committee of the Eliot Schools be authorized to procure a place suitable for the accommodation of the supernumerary Scholars belonging to that section of the town, and to engage an Usher to take charge of them for the present.

New Sch. house

A Report was read from the Sub. Com.e of the Eliot Schools on the present state of the buildings relating to the new School house.

Voted That the said Committee be instructed to enquire as to the price at which a house near the lot in Clarke's Alley can be purchased, also to engage the refusal of the same.

Philo. Instrs. paid for

Voted That application be made to the City Council to pay to the Rev.d S. Peirce the sum of $ 902. 33, being the amount of his bill for the importation of Philosophical Instruments for the use of the English Classical School.

At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the City Council Room this day, June 5th 1822. } June 5th 1822

Master of Derne St. Sch. Mr Abraham Andrews was chosen Master of the Reading and Grammar School in Derne Street.

Ushers Voted That there be allowed and paid to each of the Ushers in the several public Schools in this City, from this date, the sum of Six hundred Dollars per Annum; also, One hundred Dollars in addition to that sum, for their services during the second year in which they shall continue in office with the approbation of the School Committee; and the sum of Two hundred Dollars in addition to the said sum of six hundred Dollars for their services during the third year, and for any further term of time during which they shall continue in office with the like approbation

Sch. Mut. Ins. Masters Salar. Voted That Mr William B. Fowle Master of the School of Mutual Instruction, be allowed after the rate of 1200 Dollars pr Annum, commencing from the 26th day of last October, in full for his services during the past year.

School house New Comce disch.d A Report was read from the sub-comce of the Eliot Schools stating that the powers to build a new School had been withdrawn from the School Committee, and praying to be discharged.

Voted That the said Comce be discharged accordingly.

June 28th 1822 } At a legal meeting of the School Committee held this day:—

Winthrop Petition Sch. mutual ins.

The Petition of Thō L. Winthrop James Savage Esqr and others, praying that the system of teaching by mutual Instruction may be extended to the School about to be established at the north part of the city; was read—

Voted — That W. Wells, Hon: W. Sutton and the Revd Jnº Pierpont be a Committee to consider and report upon the same.

Eng. Class. Sch. Usher

Voted That one hundred Dollars in addition be granted to Mr Joshua Flint, Usher of the English Classical School, in full for his services to the 21st day of April 1822.

Elliot Sch. Colourd Childr.

Voted That the Committee of the Eliot Schools be desired to provide for the instruction of the coloured Children in that part of the City.

Eliot Sch. Master instructed

The Committee of the Eliot Schools reported, verbally, That they had attended to the duty assigned them by the vote of May 18th; that they have hired the Vestry-room of the first Baptist church, and have engaged Mr John Foster, as an Usher to take charge of the Scholars.

Females — in their attend. Sch. during the winter

Voted That the Revd Asa Eaton, Revd Ch. Lowell, and S. Billings Esq be a Committee to consider and report upon the utility of admitting girls to attend the Schools during the winter half year.

Petition of Colrd

The Petition of the inhabitants of Colour in the N. part of the City, was committed to the Committee of the Eliot Schools.

Voted That the Committee of the Derne Street School be desired to provide for the instruction of the children of colour in the west part of the City.

Scholars in Schools

Voted That it be considered as a general rule, that no child be suffered to continue in any one of the Grammar and writing Schools after the first Semi-annual visitation which shall take place after such child shall have attained the

age of fourteen years, except by a special vote of this Board.

Primary Sch. Com^te

The same gentlemen who served during the last year as members of the Committee of Primary Schools, were chosen for the present year; except that William H. Prescott Esq was chosen for Ward No. 10 in place of the Hon. Thos. L. Winthrop, resigned, and Col: Jerry Fairbanks to fill the vacancy in Ward No. 12.

Wiffen

Upon the Petition of Mr Allison Wiffen

Voted That Mr Wiffen have leave to withdraw his petition.

1822
Aug: 8th

At a Meeting of the School Committee for the City of Boston, holden at the Mayor and Aldermen's Room August 8th 1822,

Sec. pro tem.

The Secretary being absent, Mr W. Parmenter was chosen Secretary pro tempore

Schools – Exhibition of

Voted — That the Visitation of the Reading and Grammar Schools in August, be considered not as an examination, but as an exhibition of the Senior class only, in ~~which~~ each School; and that the Schoolmasters be limited to one fortnight in the preparation of their respective senior classes for said exhibition.

Whole comee to visit all ye Sch.

Voted — That the whole Committee visit all the Schools, and that two days be appropriated for that purpose.

New School house

A Report was read from the sub-committee on the subject of building the new School House at the North part of the City, with a view to the Introduction of the system of Mutual Instruction.

Voted That the same be accepted.

African Sch. master

Voted — That the sum of One-hundred Dollars be added to the Annual salary of the Instructor of the African School; to commence on the first day of August 1822.

Sch. mutual Instruction

Voted To refer to a Committee the claim of Messrs Hall and Lewis Tappan for services &c connected with the school of Mutual Instruction, in this city; and that the Committee consist of

Sam: Billings
Francis Bassett Esqr
Revd. W. Jenks

Voted To request the Mayor and Aldermen to draw their warrant for such sum, as may be decided by this committee to be due.

Schools – visita

Voted That the public schools be visited in the following order, and at the times herein mentioned.

Wednesday Aug. 21.		Tuesday Aug. 20	
Boylston School.	8 – 10. A.M.	Eliot School	8 – 10 A.M.
Franklin do	10 – 12	Mayhew do	10. 12
Adams do	12 – 2 P.M.	Derne St. do	12. 2 P.M.
Latin do	4 – 7.	Classical do.	4. 7

African Sch.

Voted That a Desk be provided for the use of the Instructor of the African School.

Medals.

Voted That the Medals be distributed to the Scholars to whom they have been awarded, on the day of the Annual Visitation; and that the Mayor and Secretary be a Committee to procure a suitable number.

Voted To adjourn to Monday at 9 o-clock A. M.

1822
Aug. 12.

At an adjourned Meeting of the School Committee held this day August 12th 1822.

Com.ee to visit Sch. vote rescind.

Voted To reconsider the Votes by which it was determined, "that the whole Committee should visit all the Schools, and that two days be appropriated to that purpose"; and also the Vote "appointing the 20th and 21st inst. as the days of Visitation."

Voted That the Visitation of the Schools take place on Wednesday the 21st Inst.

Sec. pro tem.

The Secretary being absent, the Rev. Asa Eaton was appointed Secretary pro. tem: at the above meeting.

Schools Number of Scholars

Number of Children in public Schools Oct 1822

Latin School. Senior Class 37. 2nd 38. 3rd 36. 4th 58. 5th 61. 225.

School of Mutual Inst.n Actually present Oct 6. Boys 75 Girls 54

Adams Schools, Reading & Gr: Whole number

Boys 223. Daily present 190-200

Girls 126 —— 80 to 90

Boylston Reading Schools. Whole number, Boys 180. Girls 50.

" present Oct 6th " 150 " 35

" Writing Schools. Whole number 179 " 97

" present Oct 6 151 " 45

Whole number of girls who have attended this Summer, 113.

English Cl. School, Oct 8. 1st Class 58. 2d 63. Total 121.

Mayhew Schools: Reading & Gr: Boys 246. Girls 135.

Franklin Reading Schs: Boys 217. Girls 117.

" Writing do " 242. " 140.

Elist Schs Boys, Members of the School. 240. Girls 200

" " Average No. daily present 210. " 160

" " under Care of Miss Foster 112

" Average No. daily present 70 to 80

Anne St. Schools.	Number of Boys belonging to the School	280
	" " who attend daily about	235
	Number of Girls admitted this season	255
	" that attend daily	120
Eliot Writing Schools.	Whole number	274
"	Average No. present	210 to 225
"	Whole number of Girls admitted	
"	since Apl. 21st	364
"	" Now Members	215 to 225
"	" Average No. present	200 to 210
Mayhew Writing School. Boys	Whole Number	250
	Average Number	200
Girls	Whole Number admitted	263
	Average do. attending	120

Ten or twelve having been dismissed to other Schools

Oct 14th 1822.

At a Meeting of the School Committee held this day Oct 14th 1822.

Latin & Eng. High Sch.

A Letter from a Gentleman was read offering 50 dollars as a premium for the best scholar in the year 1823, in the Latin School, and also in the English Classical School.

See vote to Repr.

Voted That this Board approve the acceptance of these premiums by the Mayor & Aldermen; and that a Committee of three be appointed to carry into effect the intentions of the donor. The following gentlemen were chosen. W. Wells, W. Sutton Esq. E. Clap Esq

Schools—Com. to visit.

A Report was read from the Committee appointed at the Meeting of May 6th 1822, to visit the several Schools. This Report was accepted and the Resolution passed as recommended viz

See next page.

Voted That a Committee of three be appointed to draw up a short system of Regulations for the Public Schools, and that the said Committee be desired to report the same as soon as convenient.

Schools regulations &c.

Voted that same Committee be chosen to perform this service viz W. Wells, W. Sutton, E. Clap Esqrs

Voted That S. F. McCleary Esq be authorized to receive any monies, arising from stock at the Loan Office, standing in the name of the School Committee

Monies authorized to be rec'd from Loan Office

Voted That the Masters and Ushers of the several schools be re-appointed for the present year, they discharging the duties of the said offices, and conducting themselves to the satisfaction of the Committee; and that their present salaries be continued

Masters Ushers appd.

A Report was made by the Chairman of the Committee appointed to consider the expediency of admitting the females to the public Gr. Schools throughout the year; and recommending the same. Upon taking the votes, the Report was not accepted.

Females allowed to Sch. during the whole year not accepted

Voted That the Chairman of the Elliot Schools be authorized to dismiss the Assistant employed during the summer season, and

Elliot Sch.

coloured Schools

to take such order as he may think proper respecting the delivery of the School for coloured children to the Com^e of Primary Schools.

Books to be used in Schools.

Voted That a Committee of three be chosen to report upon the Books proper to be used in the Public Schools. The following were chosen Revd Jno Pierpont, Majr. W. Baxter & Lt. Healy.

"The Report from the Committee appointed to visit the several Schools, was ordered to be entered upon the records; as follows,

Schools - com^e: to visit.

"The Committee to visit the several schools appointed under a vote of the School-Committee of May 6th 1822, have attended to the duties assigned to them, and beg leave to report."

"Your Committee have visited as directed, the several Public schools. They have laboriously and diligently examined the Scholars, and made such enquiries as became necessary respecting the character and qualifications of the Masters, their modes of instruction and discipline, and the actual and relative situation of the schools under their care."

"Your Committee are abundantly sensible, that much remains to be done, in order to derive from the system of instruction adopted by the Town of Boston, and so long and so honorably supported, all the advantages which may be afforded by it. They have still much pleasure in finding that the general state of the schools is satisfactory, inasmuch as they enable every parent to bestow upon his children, with little or no expence, much and most valuable instruction."

"Without the zealous cooperation of the parents to enforce attendance and support proper discipline, no system of public instruction can have its full effect. Your Committee regret to discover, in so many instances, very great negligence in the parents, and an unaccountable indifference to the advantages offered to their children at so great an expence of care and money"

"The want of constancy and regu-

regularity of attendance, in all the Reading and Grammar Schools, both of male and female children, is very great, and to apply an effectual remedy is difficult; for so careless are many parents of the education of their children, that an attempt to enforce a uniform attendance might perhaps drive many to withdraw their children altogether from school. The negligence of both parents and children in this respect is excessive, and contributes materially to retard improvement. The subject deserves the deliberate attention of the Committee."

"The Latin School, in the judgment of your Committee, not only continues to preserve the character already so honorably acquired for it by the abilities of the Master and his Assistants, but is also, as may reasonably be expected from every large school under proper discipline and instruction, in a progressive and rapid state of improvement. The number of Boys now belonging to this institution is 225, from whom a punctual attendance at school is habitually exacted."

"The English Classical School, though so lately established, appears from facts of the greatest ability, and indeed cannot fail, if properly supported, to become a most important and valuable Seminary. Your Committee have no knowledge of any place whatever, in which an institution is supported, at the public expence, upon a plan of education so extensive and liberal. As this School becomes better known, and its advantages more generally appreciated, the number of pupils will increase, and it must necessarily prove an expensive establishment. The plan of it, however, was formed with care and deliberation, and adopted by the Town, after mature investigation, with zeal and unanimity. It has in consequence become the duty of the School-Committee, to support it liberally, and to draw from it the advantages which it is capable of yielding. The number of Boys now attending is 121."

"The Children in the Reading and Writing Schools are, as far as appears to your Committee, for the most part well managed and well instructed, and the Masters entitled to much praise for the manner in which they fill their very arduous and responsible Station, abounding in Cares and discouragements.

"It is painful to your Committee to make any exception to this praise. They however feel it to be their duty to state that the appearance of the Boylston and Franklin Grammar Schools is not such as to obtain their unqualified approbation. In the latter case, the dissatisfaction of the School Committee has been of long standing. In the Boylston School, your Committee could not but remark a want of order, and a deficiency of improvement in some subjects, especially in the lower classes. Your Com" have some reason to suppose, that this evil has arisen in part from a want of cordiality between the Master and his Assistant."

"Your Committee recommend these schools to the special superintendance of the Board and of their respective sub-committees."

"In all the Writing Schools, your Committee have remarked a deficiency in the mode of instruction, and a consequent want of improvement, in the very important branch of Arithmetic. This evil has perhaps arisen in a great degree from the circumstance of a beautiful hand-writing having been made too exclusive a qualification for the office of Master. That a teacher of writing should write well, is no doubt an advantage. It is however merely a mechanical excellence, and will probably be attained in a sufficient degree by a man who habitually teaches writing. Experience proves that many are capable of teaching to write a fine hand, without being possessed of that accomplishment. In all branches of instruction, a mind active comprehensive and well informed is the most important qualification for a teacher, and in the science of numbers peculiarly so. Indeed we may clearly foresee that our public Schools can never become what they ought to be, unless the utmost care be taken to fill the places of instruction with well educated men, whose talents, manners and character may insure to them the respect of the community and of their pupils. To this care, united with the continual supervision of the Sub-Committees, we must look for any great and permanent improvement in our public Schools."

The Number of Scholars in the respective

"The number of Scholars in the public Reading and Writing Schools, at the beginning of the present month, is as follows"

(See account above)

"By a Report from a Committee appointed by this Board, and accepted August 2d. of the present year,* the new School house

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* This Report is as follows

Winthrop. Mutual inst.

"The Committee appointed to consider the petition of Thos L. Winthrop and others, praying that the system of Mutual Instruction may be extended to the School about to be established at the Northern part of the City, have attended to that service, and beg leave to report"—

"It has long been the wish of many of our most respectable citizens, that a fair and satisfactory experiment should be made of the system of Mutual Instruction. This experiment was commenced during the last year, in consequence of a Vote of the Town to that purpose; and a school established in the lower room of the School-house on Forthill. Hitherto this has answered the most sanguine expectation, but the room is far too small for the purpose of a complete and fair trial of the system. 180 Scholars at most can be properly accommodated, yet it is hoped that from 300 to 400 may be instructed to advantage by a single master."

"The advocates for the introduction of this system of Instruction allege — That a greater degree of intellectual activity is elicited, than by the common mode — that a greater interest is felt by the children, from all the branches being taught by the same master; and in consequence, a greater degree produced of readiness in learning, and punctuality of attendance."

It is asserted, that while the instruction of each scholar, according to the ~~common~~ present system, costs $12,50 p^r Annum, exclusive of the interest of the cost of buildings and land,^ Your Committee are informed, that in Newburyport, the expences of the public Schools are reduced by the adoption of this system three fourths, and that in Portsmouth, a similar result is confidently anticipated".

The expences of the public Schools in this city are very great and continually increasing. Any plan which may promise, while it provides for the instruc-

^ Equal advantages are obtained in Philadelphia and New York for less than $4.

now erecting in the northern part of the City, has been assigned for the purpose of a fair and full experiment of the System of Mutual Instruction. The school upon this plan, at Forthill, under the care of Mr Fowle, has hitherto succeeded admirably. Your Committee are of opinion that considerable advantages may be obtained by at least a partial adoption of this system of Instruction."

"The number of Scholars, male and female, in the room at Forthill, is 129."

Your Committee were in hopes of being able to

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instruction of all the children in those elementary branches which are contemplated by the laws, to reduce these expences, will undoubtedly receive the serious consideration of the Committee."

"Without undertaking to decide how far the adoption of the system of mutual instruction, in lieu of the present mode, may be actually productive of the advantages proposed, your Committee cannot hesitate to recommend a fair and complete experiment upon the matter, and submit the following Resolution"

"Resolved", "That the new School-house, now building at the north part of the City, by a Vote passed in Town-meeting Feby. 28th. 1822, be appropriated for the use of a school of Mutual Instruction, until otherwise ordered by the School Committee; and that the Committee for building the same be requested to have such regard to the size and plan of the rooms as they may judge proper, should any deviation from the common form be thought advisable."

All which is respectfully submitted

Pr. Order W. Wells, Chairman

present from the Committee of Primary Schools, a detailed Report of the present state of these useful and valuable establishments. This however will probably be ready at the next meeting of this Board."

"Your Committee are bound in duty to express their great satisfaction at the zeal and diligence with which the gentlemen, who have been chosen members of the Com.e of Primary Schools have hitherto discharged the important duties assigned to them."

"Your Committee are not informed, that any system of Regulations for the public Schools, has been printed within the last 30 years. The old one has become in a great measure obsolete, and the several rules for the Government and Instruction of the several schools are but imperfectly known either to the Masters or to the Members of this Board. These Rules, in the opinion of your Committee, should be few in number, as much should be left to the discretion of the Master, who can scarcely err, if actuated by an earnest wish to promote the improvement of the children committed to his care."

"Your Committee therefore beg leave to submit the following resolution"—

"Resolved" "That a Committee of Three be appointed to draw up a short System of Regulations for the public Schools, and be requested to report the same to this Board as soon as convenient."

"All which is respectfully submitted"

"Brander M. Welles, Chairman".

Latin & Eng. h. Sch. Gold medals

Letter offering premium at Latin & Classical Schools; read at Meeting Oct 14. 1822.

"To the Hon: Jn°. Phillips, Mayor &c

Sir

I propose with the concurrence of your Honour and the Board of Aldermen, at the annual examination of the public Schools in Boston, which will take place in 1823, to offer a Gold Medal, of the value of Fifty Dollars, with an appropriate device and inscription, to be executed under the direction of the Head Master of the Centre Latin School, to the pupil of the said school who shall at that time be adjudged by the School-Committee and the principal Instructor, to be the best scholar in the School, and whose conduct and deportment during the year preceding, shall have been such as to have evinced diligence in his studies, respect to his instructors, and urbanity towards his associates.

The said Medal to be delivered to the successful candidate at Fanueil Hall, by the Mayor, immediately before sitting down to dinner on the day of the examination, and the occurrence, with the name of the juvenile Emeritus, to be entered on the records of the City.

I propose to offer at the same time, and under the like circumstances, a similar donation, of equal value, to the first and most approved scholar from the English Classical School in Derne street. — The Medal in this instance, to be executed under the direction of the principal master of that School. Should these propositions meet the acceptance of yourself and the Board of Aldermen, I will make the needful deposit to ensure their being carried into effect, and under this event, in order that the desired result, of exciting an emulation among the youth of our city to excel alike in application to their studies &c in the correctness of their deportment, may be produced in a greater degree, I beg leave further to suggest the expediency of a printed label in large type struck off and posted in some conspicuous place in the school rooms briefly stating the prize wch. will be awarded and the conditions attached to its attainment.

Another stipulation alone remains to be mentioned, wch. is if the propositions be accepted, that the name of the Donor should not be made public. With great respect, I have the honor to be, Sir, Yr obedt Hble Servt. ——

1822 Nov 21st } At a Meeting of the School Committee, held this day Nov 21st 1822.

South Boston School Master chosen

Applications for the office of Master of the School in South Boston were read and considered; and upon ballot;

Voted; That the Rev Samuel Capen is chosen Master of the said School.

Voted; That the salary of the Master be fixed for the present at Eight hundred Dollars.

Sunday sch.

In consequence of an application from the Rev Messrs Parkman & Ware, that they may be permitted to make use of the Schoolrooms now erecting in Middle street, when completed, for Sunday Schools,

Voted That the applicants have the use of such rooms in the new School-house, as it shall be judged expedient by the School Com^e to appropriate to the of Sabbath Schools.

Books

Mr Welles was excused from serving on the Committee to report on the Books proper to be used in the public Schools, and Mr Clap appointed in his place.

Committee to enquire into duties

A Committee was appointed to enquire into the duties and the powers of the School-Com^e under the City Charter; to report to this Board; When the Hon. Warren Dutton, Jos: Jenkins Esq and Francis Baybet Esq were chosen.

At a Meeting of the School Committee held this day at the Mayor and Aldermen's Room } Jan.y 13 1823

South Boston School. A letter was read from the Rev.d Mr Capon Master of the School at S. Boston, stating the necessity of a new School House.

Voted That the subject be referred to the Sub committee of the Franklin Schools.

Books A Report in part was read from the Rev.d Jn.o Pierpont, chairman of the Com.e on the Books to be used in the Schools.

Voted That this Report be accepted.

Scotts Lessons Voted That the Secretary be desired to communicate to the several Masters of the Reading School the following direction of the Committee viz That they permit no new copies of Scotts Lessons to be introduced into their Schools, until the further order of this Committee

Latin Schs. On the application of Mr.* Jonathan Davis for an Usher in the Latin Grammar School; for an additional allowance &c

Voted That this petition be referred to the Sub-Committee of the Latin School

* Edward G. Davis.

1823 Feby 20th

At a meeting of the School Committee held this day Feby 20th 1823

Latin Sch. rooms

A Report was made by the sub-committee upon the petition referred to them of Mr Jon. Davis; that he have leave to withdraw his petition; which report was accepted.

South Boston Sch. House

The Report of the Committee of the Franklin School, recommending the building of a new School-house in South Boston, was read; and being amended by substituting 300 Scholars instead of 200, was accepted; whereupon it was voted as follows — viz.

"The School Committee are of opinion that it is expedient that a new School-house be built in that part of the city called South Boston; and also that the new School house should consist of at least two rooms, each sufficient to accommodate with convenience one hundred and fifty Scholars. The Committee therefore recommend to the City Council to make such appropriations as may be requisite, and to authorize the erection of such a building as may answer the purpose"

Books

A School Book was rec. from the Rev Dr. Collier Voted That the same be committed to the consideration of the Com^e on Books.

Hanover Sch.

Voted That a time be assigned to consider of the propriety of proceeding to the appointment of Instructors for the new School House in Middle Street; and that the Com^e meet for this purpose on Tuesday March 4th at 10 A. M.

W. Jenks

Com^n application from the Rev W. Jenks for a recommendation to the Primary Com^e to establish a school for certain purposes, was referred to Messrs Jenks, Wells, and Pierpont.

Cleveland

The petition of A. P. Cleveland and others for the use of a room in the Boylston Schools for preaching on Sabbath evenings, was read and referred to the Sub committee of the Boylston Sch.

At a Meeting of the School Committee, held this day by adjournment, at the Mayor and Aldermen's Room. } 1823 March 4th

Jenks

Upon the petition of the Revd. Wm. Jenks & others; Voted That the petitioners have liberty to withdraw.

Mutual Ins.

Voted That a Committee of three be appointed to consider the propriety of recommending to the City Council to make appropriation for the establishment of a school on the system of Mutual Instruction, at West Boston, and according to the design of that already established at Fort-hill

Revd. W. Jenks, Jos: Jenkins, and W. Wells Esqrs. were chosen

Cleveland

On the petition of A. P. Cleaveland and others; Voted That the Report of the Committee be accepted.

Sch. Com^e. powers & duties

A Report was made by the Hon. Warren Dutton, chairman of the Committee appointed to report upon the duties and powers of the School Committee.

Voted - That this report be accepted.

(See below)

Hancock School

Voted - That the vote passed Oct. 16 August 4th 1822, accepting the Report of the Committee on the new School-house in Middle Street, so far as the said vote appropriates the School-house to the system of Mutual Instruction, be reconsidered.

Voted — That the appointment of Masters for the new School be deferred un-

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Sch. Com^e. powers & duties

The Committee appointed Novr. 21st. 1822 to enquire into the duties and powers of the School-Committee under the City Charter, have had the subject under consideration, and herewith submit the following Report.

Previous to the grant of a City Charter, there was an annual election of persons who, together with the board of Selectmen, constituted

1823 March 4th. until the Masters are re-appointed by the new board.

Voted That a Committee of three be chosen to consider of the propriety of admitting Scholars into the English Classical School, twice in the year instead of annually. Messrs. Lowell, Dutton and Wells were chosen.

Eng. Clas. Sch.

Voted That the Committee on Books be requested to report upon the propriety of purchasing Maps and Globes for the several schools.

Maps & Globes

Voted That the committee appointed to report upon the admission of boys twice a year into the Eng. Cl. School be desired to consider also, how far it may be advisable to limit the admission of children into the public Reading and Writing Schools, to fixed periodical times; and to report upon the same.

Eng. Clas. Sch.

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the School Committee; and there was also an annual vote of the Town, by which this Committee were "directed to carry the system of education adopted by the Town into operation"; giving them full power to "regulate and manage the government of the Schools, and to execute all the powers relative to the Schools and Schoolmasters, which the Selectmen or such committees are authorized by the Laws of the Commonwealth or by votes of the Town, to exercise".

By "the System of Education adopted by the Town",

must, we think, be understood, the Grammar Schools which the Town was obliged by law to maintain; the several schools which by special votes it was deemed expedient to establish, and the various branches of knowledge which were required to be taught in them. Though the word "system" is sometimes used to express the peculiar manner in which a particular branch of knowledge is taught, yet the phrase, system of education", implies the several branches of knowledge taught, rather than the manner in which they are taught. From this construction of the powers formerly granted to the School Committee, it follows that it would have been competent for them to have varied the mode of instruction, and to have carried into effect the system of education upon the plan of mutual instruction, if that was proved to be the most advantageous and the least expensive. Whether it would be expedient to introduce any great innovations, even in the mode of instruction, is another question, and must be decided by existing circumstances; but that the School Committee were vested with such power, seems to be reasonably inferred from the vote of the Town.

But the attention of the Committee is more especially required to ascertain the powers granted to the School Committee by the Charter. By the 19th section it is provided, that the said Citizens shall at the same time and in like manner elect one person in each ward to be a member of the School Committee for the said City; and the persons so chosen shall jointly with the Mayor and Aldermen constitute the School Committee for the said City, and have the care and superintendance of the public Schools. It appears from this, that the School Committee is a distinct, and, to certain purposes, an independent body, elected by the citizens at the same time, in the same manner, and deriving their jurisdiction and authority from the same source as the other elective departments of the City government, and in like manner responsible for the due exercise of their powers. These powers, then, are to have a reasonable construction; such as will enable the Committee to be the most extensively useful, and to fulfil the just expectations of their fellow citizens." The care and superintendance of the Public Schools, therefore, reasonably implies all those incidental powers,

which are necessary and proper to make such superintendance and law beneficial and effectual; such as the appointment or removal of Masters, fixing their compensation, the selection and use of Books, the rules and regulations of the Schools as to the course of studies modes of instruction &c &c —— Of all that pertains to the improvement and welfare of the Schools, they are from the nature of their office best fitted to judge; and it is not to be presumed, that in any given case, they would exceed their authority, or act without a competent share of intelligence and good sense. A reasonable confidence ought to be reposed in them as in all the other departments of the City government, that they will not abuse their powers, nor engage in chimerical or mischievous projects. As the City Council have the exclusive right to "make appropriations of the public monies", a check is very properly provided against the possible abuse of powers by the School Committee. But the case ought to be clear, the abuse of power ought to be manifest, in order to justify the City Council so to interfere as to frustrate the plans or render nugatory the acts of the School Committee. Extreme cases may be stated on both sides of the question, but they prove nothing but themselves, and it will be time enough to provide for them when they occur. Had it been merely doubtful, which is not admitted, whether the School Committee were authorized to introduce the plan of Mutual Instruction in a particular school about to be established, the City Council were bound in the spirit of comity and respect for their opinion, in the just confidence that they would not exceed their authority nor act without consideration or intelligence, to comply with their request; more especially as the only alterations in the School-house which were asked for, were such as would have been equally beneficial upon the present mode of instruction as upon the plan of mutual instruction.

But the City Council, by an order passed on the 21st October 1822, determined that "it was not expedient to make the alterations contemplated by the School Committee". The reasons of this determination are not stated; but as a school-house was to be built,

and additional appropriation would be needed to arrange it for the plan of mutual instruction, as requested, the City Council, in refusing it, have directly assumed the right to decide upon the expediency of introducing a certain mode of instruction. If the City Council are justifiable in this instance, it will be difficult to limit their right to interfere in the exercise of any powers which are supposed to belong to the School Committee. Now it is apprehended, that the only way in which the City Council can rightfully interfere in the exercise of powers supposed to be delegated to the School Committee, is indirectly, by refusing to make required appropriations. To justify them in doing this, there must, has as has been stated, be a manifest abuse of power, and if the School Committee should persist, nothing, of course, could be effected, and the ultimate appeal would be to the people.

In addition to the foregoing remarks, it is proper to state, that the Town, on the 2nd of July 1821, voted, that "it was expedient to appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars for the establishment of a school on the system of Mutual Instruction, to be under the same regulations and control as the other public schools of the Town". In consequence of this vote of the Town, the School Committee proceeded to make a limited experiment of the plan of Mutual Instruction, in one of the rooms of the Boylston School; and so well satisfied were they of the result, that they became desirous of having the means of making further trial of the system upon a larger scale. It was with this view, that they requested the School house about to be erected at the north part of the City might be fitted for such mode of instruction. In refusing to do this, were the City Council satisfied that the plan of mutual instruction was so radically bad, that it ought not to be patronised or that the experiment which had been made had utterly failed, so that the City could not be justified in pursuing it further?

Thus it appears, that the School Committee, in pursuit of a plan, sanctioned by a vote of the Town, and in the due exercise as they apprehend, of powers delegated to them by the Citizens, have been directly interfered with by an order of the City Coun-

Council. Against such interference, which was, no doubt unintentional, they feel bound, both by a due respect to themselves and to their fellow citizens, to whom alone they are responsible for the right exercise of the powers vested in them by the Charter, respectfully to protest.

Your Committee also deem this a fit occasion to notice another act of the City Council, which doubtless passed that body without examination, as it was conformable to the ancient usage. It did not, however, at the time escape the animadversion of some members of the Committee, though it was permitted to pass without objection, being considered as merely matter of form. But inasmuch as questions may arise, touching the nature and extent of the powers vested in the School Committee, care should be taken another year that the following order of the City Council should not be drawn into precedent:—

"By the City Council"

"An Order providing for the election of Instructors in the public Schools and providing for their continuation."

It is ordered, that the School Committee be and hereby are authorized to elect all such instructors as they may think necessary for the public Schools, and to determine the amount of their respective salaries; also to remove any instructor from said schools when in their discretion it may be proper, and generally to exercise all the powers which the Selectmen of Towns, or School Committees, are authorized by the laws of this Commonwealth to exercise".

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Now if this order is necessary to enable the School Committee to act in their office, they become the mere agents of the City Council; for this order may be considered as embracing the whole extent of their powers. But if they are recognized by the Charter as a distinct and independent body, deriving

their powers from its provisions, and responsible to their constituents for the due use of them; then this order is, to say the least, unnecessary, and ought to be so amended as to respect the true relation which exists between the City Council and the School Committee.

Broder Warren Burton, chairman.

1823
May 6th

At Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held this day at the Mayor's Room.

The meeting was called to order by his Honour the honourable Josiah Quincy, Mayor of the City.

Secretary. W. Wells Esq. was chosen Secretary.

Sub. Com^es. The Committee was distributed into the several Sub-committees as follows viz

Latin School
Hon: Josiah Quincy
Warren Dutton
Rec^d Wm. Jenks.

Franklin Schools.
Revd Jno Pierpont
Wm Hale
Daniel Baxter
Derne street School
Stephen Hooper Esq
Rev. Paul Dean
Enoch Pattenson
Boylston Schools
Francis Bassett
O. W. Child
Jos: H. Orr Esqr

South Boston Sch.
Committee of Franklin Schools.
African School
Revd W. Jenks
Paul Dean
O. W. Child Esq
School of Mutual Instruction on Fort-Hill
Sub-Com^e of the Boylston Schools

English Classical School
W. Wells
Elisha Clap
Asher Benjamin Esqr

Adams Schools.
Hon. J. Quincy
Stephen Hooper
George Odiorne Esqr
Mayhew Schools
Revd Asa Eaton
Revd Paul Dean
Caleb Eddy Esq

Eliot and Hancock Schools
Wm Little
W. Parmenter Esqr
Horace Bean M.D.

Masters in New Schools

Voted That the Secretary be desired to advertise that Wednesday May 14th be the last day on which he will receive applications for the office of Master in the new Schools about to be established in Middle Street.

Voted That the next meeting of the Committee for the choice of the said Masters be be held on Thursday May 15th at 4 o'clock P. M.

Primary Sch. Com.ee

Voted That the Committee of Primary Schools be authorized to increase their number to Fifty, and to fill up their vacancies until the next annual choice.

Schools Com.ee to visit

Voted That a Committee of seven members be appointed, with instructions and powers to visit the several schools, similar to those granted to a committee for the same purpose May 6th 1822; and that this Committee be requested to report within three Months from this date. The following gentlemen were chosen viz. W. Wells, Dutton, Clap, Quincy, Hooper Bassett, and Jenks.

Latin & Eng. High Schools

His honour the Mayor communicated the intention of the munificent donor of the Premium to the Latin and Classical Schools, to continue the same for the ensuing year.

(See Octr 14. 1822)

Voted unanimously That the Mayor be requested to convey the thanks of the Committee to the unknown and very liberal benefactor.

Voted That the Secretary be desired to publish in the papers, the two first Resolutions passed April 23d 1819

Schools - rules Regn and Books.

Voted That the Committee to draw up Rules for the Regulation of the Schools; and also upon Books, be continued and desired to report as soon as convenient.

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1823
May 15th.

At a meeting of the School Committee, held this day, May 15th 1823 —

Eliot Sch. The Committee of the Eliot Schools made a report, stating; "That in consequence of the authority granted last year, they have hired the vestry of the First Baptist church in Back-street, and have employed Mr Jno Foster as Usher; and respectfully ask the sanction of the School Committee for his continuance until the Middle-street School is ready for use" —

Which report was accepted, and the measures of the Sub-committee approved.

Hancock Sch. Masters chosen. Nathaniel K. G. Oliver Esq. was chosen Master in the Reading and Grammar department, and Mr Peter Mackintosh Junior in that of Writing and Arithmetick in the Hancock Schools, lately erected in Middle Street.

Voted That the meeting adjourn to Monday next, at 10 o'clock A.M.

1823
May 19th

At an adjourned meeting of the School Committee, held this day May 19th 1823.

Eliot & Hancock Schools

Voted That the sub committee of the Eliot and Hancock Schools be directed to report to this board, after consulting with the Masters of the Hancock Schools, the names of three gentlemen as suitable candidates for the office of Usher in the said Schools, in each department.

Eng. Cls. S. Master resigns. Another chosen

The resignation of Mr G. B. Emerson of the office of Master of the English Classical School was read and accepted.

Mr Solomon P. Miles was chosen Master in the place of Mr Emerson.

Mayhew School.

A Report was read from the sub-committee of the Mayhew Schools; as follows:— viz

"That difficulties have occurred between Mr Hall J. Kelley, Master of the Reading and Grammar department of said school, and Mr Israel Alger Jr. the Usher. That the Committee have enquired into the subject, and are of opinion, that such difficulties exist, that it is not for the interest of the City, that both should be continued in the School, but that one of them ought to be removed —— And that considering the circumstances of the case they are of opinion, that the Usher ought to be that person.

They therefore recommend that Mr Alger's connexion with the Mayhew School cease."

Which Report was accepted.

Mayhew School — Voted That a Committee of three be chosen to enquire into the conduct of Mr Kelley. The gentlemen chosen were, The Mayor, Mr Pierpont, & E. Clap Esq.

New School

A Report was read upon the establishment of a new School in West Boston; and also the proposition of Jos. H. Dorr Esq for establishing three rising Schools. Both which were directed to be placed upon the files by the Secretary, to be called up hereafter.

Adjourned to Monday, next at 10. A. M.

May 26th 1823 At a Meeting of the School Committee held this day May 26th 1823.

Hancock Sch. Ushers chosen

Mr Southworth Shaw Junr was chosen Usher in the writing and Arithmetic department of the Hancock Sch. Mr Moses Gill was chosen Usher in the department of Reading and Grammar in said school.

Eliot Sch.

Voted That the sub-committee of the Eliot Schools be authorized to request the gentlemen who superintend the Sabbath Schools now open in the said school-house, to choose one of the rooms for the use of the said school, and that they be authorized to grant the use of the other room for the purpose of a sabbath school to Mr J. W. Ingraham according to his petition in favour of the Salem street Sunday school; upon his satisfying the said Committee that due care will be exercised with regard to the room.

Franklin's will

Voted That a Committee be raised to report upon that part of the will of the late Dr B. Franklin which contains a bequest for the purpose of distributing Medals in the public Schools; and to point out what class of scholars are the proper candidates for these medals, and in what manner they shall be distributed by the Sub-Committees. The said Comte to consist of ye Revd A. Eaton, Hon. J. Quincy & W. Wells Esq

Fire buckets for Hancock Sch.

Voted That 20 Fire-buckets be procured for the use of the Hancock Schools.

Schools — to be opened & closed with prayer

Voted That the several sub-committees be desired to see that the Masters comply with the Rule which directs them to open and close the School with prayer.

Scholars — time of assembly

Voted That the general Committee for visiting the Schools be desired to report ~~upon~~ what time it is proper to allow for the assembling of the scholars, and also to report a notice upon this subject to parents and citizens.

New School

Voted That the General School Comte attend the opening of the new Schools in Middle St.

At a meeting of the School Committee, held this day, June 16th 1823. } June 16th 1823

Eng. Clas. Sch. masters

Mr W. S. Emerson was chosen Assistant and Writing Master of the English Classical School.

Latin Sch: Usher

Mr G. Bradford was chosen Usher in the Latin School in place of Mr Davis, resigned.

Primary Sch. Com.

The following gentlemen were appointed on the Committee of Primary Schools; with power to fill up any vacancies which may occur in the course of the year — viz

Ward No. 1.	Thaddeus Page.	Ward, No. 7.	Lewis G. Pray	
	John Elliot	"	Charles G. Loring	
	Henry Fowle Jr		Abbott Lawrence	
" No. 2.	Thomas Fracker	"	8 & 9. Isaac Mansfield	
	John Fenno Jr		Benj. B. Wisner	
	Joseph Lewis		Zabdiel B. Adams.	
	Charles Lincoln Jr		John A. Haven	
" No. 3.	Thomas Wells		Isaac Osgood	
	Caleb H. Snow		James Savage	
	Ellis B. Green		William Brown	
	Edward Page	"	10 & 11. Abiel Chandler	
	Abraham W Fuller		Benj. A. Gould	
	John Farrie Jr		Lewis Tappan	
" No. 4.	Reuben Richards		John Baker	
	Elias Maynard		Wm H. Prescott	
	George Dorr		George Tichnor	
" No. 5	Moses Grant		Samuel Greele	
	Charles Hood		Enoch Hale	
	Charles Ewer	"	No. 12. Moses Williams	
" No. 6.	Peter Macintosh Jr		Samuel Bradlee	
	Benj.n French		Gerry Fairbanks	
	Daniel Henchman		Lemuel Capen	
" No. 7.	Benj. Guild		Samuel Davis	
	William J. Spooner		Benj. Stevens	
	George Lane.		Theodore Edson	

Franklin Will

The Committee appointed May 26 to report upon that part of Dr Franklins will which contains a bequest for distributing Medals &c. presented a

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a Report, which was accepted; viz —
"They think it obvious from the following extract from Dr. Franklin's Will, that it was the intention of his bequest to encourage and reward proficiency equally in ale the branches of education taught in our public Schools; and consequently that the Medals ought to be given to those only who excel in general scholarship"

(See Will. "I was born in Boston N. England" &c / vide page 332.) "Your Committee are of opinion, that the intention of the donor being kept in view, the manner of distributing the Medals may be left to the discretion of the Sub-Committee".

Hancock Sch. Voted That the new School-house in Middle Street be opened next Monday at 10 o'clock A. M. That his honour the Mayor be requested to address to the Parents & Children as he may judge proper, and that he be desired to request one of the Rev. members of the Committee to open the meeting with prayer.

Hancock Sch. Masters & Mistress Salary. Voted That the Salaries of the Masters and Ushers of the Hancock Schools, and also of the new Master and Usher of the English Classical School, commence from June 1st.

Eng. Clas. Sch. A Report was read, and accepted, from the Sub-Committee of the Eng. Cl. School, as follows — viz — "The Sub committee of the English Classical School beg leave to draw the attention of the Board to the present state and future prospects of this important institution."

"This establishment was first proposed in the School Committee in the Spring of the year 1820; and the plan, having been repeatedly considered, was printed for the use of the Board; again modified, and unanimously accepted by the School Committee November 9th 1820. The Report, thus amended, was printed and distributed for the consideration of the Citizens".

"At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Boston, held January 15th 1821. This

Report, after being debated in a numerous meeting, was accepted almost unanimously; three votes only appearing against it; and the following Vote was passed." viz

"Voted" "That the School Committee, from year to year, be, and hereby are instructed to revise the Course of Studies, proposed in the Report this day accepted, for the new School, and to adopt such measures as experience shall dictate, and the object of the establishment require."

By a vote of the Town June 30th. 1821, the sum of $2500 was granted for the purchase of Philosophical Instruments for the use of the English Classical School. A wide selected collection has since been imported, and the use of them cannot fail to be of the greatest service in giving clear ideas to the youth who are commencing these Studies, and, to whom the subjects of Astronomy, Mechanics, Pneumatics, Optics, and other branches of Natural Philosophy present ideas equally new and strange.

The Sub-Committee beg permission to introduce an extract from the Report of the General Committee for the examination of the Schools, presented last year.

"The English Classical School, though so lately established, affords prospects of the greatest utility, and indeed cannot fail, if properly supported, to become a valuable and important seminary. Your Committee have no knowledge of any place whatever, in which an institution is supported, at the public expence, upon a plan of education so extensive and liberal. As this School becomes more widely known and its advantages more fully appreciated, the number of pupils will greatly increase, and it must necessarily prove an expensive establishment. The plan of it, however, was formed with deliberation, and adopted by the Town, after mature investigation, with zeal and unanimity. It has in consequence become the duty of the Committee to support it liberally, and to draw from it the advantages it is capable of yielding."

The Sub-Committee regret the loss of the eminent talents and industry of the late Master, Mr. G. B. Emerson, under whose enlightened and faithful su-

supervision the school has attained a high degree of excellence and usefulness. At the same time they have every reason to believe that the Board will be well satisfied with his successor. This gentleman, Mr Solomon P. Miles, has discharged with great credit the duties of Tutor in the University in the department of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, and is highly recommended by the President and Government as eminently qualified for his present situation.

Hitherto, one Room only, in the new School-house in Derne street, has been appropriated to the English Classical School. It was distinctly foreseen by the School Committee, that a whole building would shortly be necessary. They contented themselves, however, with making provision for its first institution, leaving to their successors the duty of providing for its permanent establishment; and of deciding, whether the whole of the building in Derne street should be thus appropriated, or whether a new building should be erected for the purpose, when the increase of the School should require it.

This period has now arrived; and the subject requires the decided and immediate attention of the Board. The scholars now occupy the whole of the second story; and while a class may be expected to enter at Commencement which will increase the number to 180 or 200, no more can be accommodated until the reading and writing schools shall be removed.

The collection of Philosophical Instruments also deserves attention. At present this ~~assort~~ select assortment, of the value probably of $3000 are lodged with the late Master, who has kindly consented to take charge of them, until a suitable place of deposit shall be provided. They are extremely liable to injury from being moved, and moreover cannot be applied to the purposes for which they are intended, unless under the care of the Master, and in the immediate vicinity of the School.

It is the sacred duty of the School-

Committee, on the one hand to discourage visionary, unnecessary and expensive projects, and on the other, to support and extend institutions deliberately founded and which by their effects prove of great public utility. Of this last description is the School of which we speak, and it is not now the question whether we shall adopt a new and untried plan, but whether we shall supply the absolute necessities of a valuable establishment, which now forms an integral and important part of the system adopted by the city.

The Sub committee beg leave therefor to report the following Resolution; viz

Voted That the English Classical School will shortly require for its accommodation the whole of the building in Deane Street; and that the School Committee respectfully request the City Council to make provision for building a new School house for the use of the Reading Grammar and writing Schools now kept in the said building. The Committee recommend that the said building be at least 75 feet long, and three stories high.

All which is respectfully submitted

By order O. Wales

Chairman of Sub. Com.

Voted That the foregoing report be accepted, and that his honour the Mayor be requested to communicate the same to the City Council.

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June 24th At a Meeting of the School Committee, held this day June 24 1823

Salaries of Instructors in Schools

Voted That the Salaries of the Instructors of the several Schools for the coming year be as follow — viz.

To the Master of the Latin School $ 2000
" " Master of the English Classical School 2000
N.B. The additional $ 500 to commence on the 1st day of Sept. 1823
" " Submaster of the Latin School ----- 1200
N.B. Additional $ 200 to commence Sept. 1.
" " The several Ushers of the Latin and the English Classical Schools as last year. (See vote of June 5th 1822)

Ushers

Voted That the salary of the Ushers in the several Reading and Writing Schools, from the first day of September next, be at the rate of $ 600 Pr. annum.

Mutual In.

To the Master of the School of Mutual Instruction ----- $ 1200
" " Master of the School in S. Boston 800
" " Master of African School 300

Tilestons situation

Voted That his Honour the Mayor, with the Sub-committee of the Eliot and Hancock Schools, be a Com^e to make enquiries respecting Mr Jno Tileston's situation, and to report upon the sum proper to be allowed him.

Masters & Ushers qual.

Voted That the having taken a degree of Bachelor of Arts at some respectable College, duly incorporated, and authorized to confer degrees be considered as a necessary qualification in the Masters and Ushers of the Reading & Grammar Schools.

Adjourned to Tuesday July 8th at 10 A. M.

At a Meeting of the School Committee held this day July 18th. 1823. } 1823 July 18

Mayhew Sch. Master dismissed

The Secretary was directed to inform Mr Hall J. Kelley, Reading Master in the Mayhew Schools — That the Committee dispense with his future services in this capacity; but that his salary wile be continued to the end of the present Quarter.

Franklin Sch. master dismissed

Voted That the Secretary be directed to make a similar communication to Mr Payson, Reading Master of the Franklin Schools — And also to Mr E. E. Finch Writing Master of the Boylston Schools.

Instructors in Sch. cont.

Voted That the other Masters and Instructors be continued, and that the Secretary be desired to notify them in the usual form.

Tileston Salary

Voted That Mr John Tileston be continued in his present rank as Writing Master in the Eliot Schools; with a salary of Six hundred Dollars pr Annum. This rate of allowance to commence at the close of the present Quarter.

Dame St. Sch. v

Voted That the Sub committee of the Dame street Schools be requested to express to the Master and Assistant of the Writing and Arithmetic department in those Schools, that this board are by no means satisfied with the improvement of their pupils; particularly in writing, as exhibited before the select committee in the late examination of their school, and also to express the expectation of the Board, that the said instructors shew better evidences of their attention to the School, on future examinations.

Boylston Sch.

Mr Frederick Emerson was chosen Master in the department of Writing and Arithmetic in Boylston Schools.

Franklin Sch.

Mr. Ebenezer Bayley was chosen Master in the Reading & Grammar department of the Franklin Schools.

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Mayhew Sch. masters chosen

Mr John Frost was chosen Master in the Reading and Grammar department of the Mayhew Schools.

Voted That the Mayor and Secretary be a committee to provide for the temporary exigences of the Mayhew Schools.

Globes Maps for Sch.

A Report was made on the propriety of furnishing the Schools with Globes and Maps; which was accepted.

Prim. Sch. Com.

Voted That two members be added to the Board of Committee of Primary Schools. Dr John Ware, and Mr Wm G. Lambert, were chosen.

American First Class Book

Voted That the "American First Class Book" be used in the public reading Schools instead of Scott's Lessons.

Globes Maps

Voted That an application be made to the City Council to furnish Globes and Maps for the several Schools; and that the Report of the Committee on this subject be accepted.

Adjourned to Friday July 25th.

1823
July 25

At an adjourned meeting of the School Committee, held this day.

Mayhew School

Voted That a special Committee be appointed, and directed, in union with the Sub-committee of the Mayhew School, to proceed in selecting a proper Usher for the Mayhew School, in the Reading & Grammar department. The following gentlemen were chosen. W. Weber. F. Bassett. E. Clap.

Maps & Globes.

Voted That the Committee on Books be directed to apply to the City Council for a sum, for the procuring of Maps & Globes.

1823
Sept. 22

At a legal meeting of the School Committee, held this day, September 22nd. 1823.—

Sch. Mast. In.

In consequence of a letter from Mr W. B. Fowle, resigning his situation as Master of the School of Mutual Instruction at the close of the present month:

Voted That Mr Fowle's resignation be accepted; and that the sub-committee of the Boylston Schools be directed to distribute the children now in the School of Mutual Instruction to such schools as the said Committee may judge most suitable for them.

Mayhew Sch. Usher

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to appoint an Usher, ad interim, in the Reading & Grammar Mayhew School, reported .... That they had chosen Mr Ch: C. Barber to this office.

Voted That Mr Barber be confirmed in his office of Usher.

Booksellers Petn.

A Petition was read from sundry Booksellers remonstrating against the Masters of the public Schools being allowed to vend Books and Stationary to the scholars.

Voted That the Committee on Books &c. be a Committee to consider and report upon this subject.

Supp. Asst. Sch.

Voted That Messrs. Jenks, Bassett and Hooper be a Committee to enquire and report upon the propriety of appointing an additional Usher in the English Classical School; and also upon the necessity of engaging a room until the new School house to be built in ward No. 6 be completed.

Phil. appr.

Voted That the Mayor be authorized to direct the payment of an account by the Rev Dr Prince for the purchase of Philosophical Insts. for the use of the English Classical School amounting to $ 273.33.

Apprentices Evening Schs.

A Petition was presented, signed by several citizens, for the establishment of evening Schools for Apprentices. Referred to Messrs Hooper, Bassett & Little, to consider and report upon.

Hancock Schs.

A Report was read from the Sub-Committee of the Hancock School; as follows — viz

"The Sub-committee of the Hancock schools, having fully examined the subject of the complaint of Mr John Winslow against N. A. G. Oliver Esq. one of the instructers of said School, for an alledged excessive correction of his Son Jno. Winslow, ask leave respectfully to report — That, in their opinion, the circumstances of the case do not require any farther interposition of the School Committee."

Voted, That said Report be accepted.

1823
Octr 8th

At a Meeting of the School Committee held this day Octr 8th 1823

The following Report was received from the Board of Aldermen — viz

School house in Ward 12.

"The Committee of the board of Aldermen, appointed to locate the School-house in Ward No. 12, as a substitute for that in Hanover street, have unanimously agreed to recommend a site on the northerly side of Castle street, and bounding thereon, as the most expedient and proper for that purpose, and submit this determination to the School-Committee for their advice and decision thereon." "By order of the Board of Aldermen — Daniel Baxter, Chairman"

Voted — That this Board do approve and advise to the above location.

The following Report was also rec.

School house Ward No. 6.

"The Committee of the Board of Aldermen appointed to locate the site of the School-house in Ward No. 6, have agreed upon a site at the corner of Pinckney street and West Centre street, and respectfully request the advice and approbation of the School Committee of the above location, according to the vote of the City Council, and by order of the Board of Aldermen"

Octr. 8. 1823 "Josiah Quincy Chairman"

Whereupon — The above location was accepted and approved.

Schools regn. in

The Committee appointed to draw up a system of Regulations for the Public Schools, reported the same — whereupon

Voted That the Secretary be directed to procure 150 copies of the same to be printed, for the consideration of the Board.

1823
Novr 8th

At a Meeting of the School Committee, held this day Novr. 25. 1823

Payson's pet^n

Upon the Petition of Thomas Payson to the City Council for a Grant; which petition was referred to the School Committee;

After the petition of the late Mr Thos. Payson had been read and considered

Voted - That this Board do not perceive that they can with propriety recommend a grant in compliance with the prayer of the petition.

Sch^s. com^n Reg^ns

Voted That Messrs. Bassett, Jenks and Parmenter be a Committee to revise the Report of Regulations for the School Committee, which was offered and ordered to be printed at the last meeting; and that they be desired to report the said Regulations, when revised, to this Board for acceptance, on Tuesday next at 10 o-clock A. M.

Alger Pet^n

The Petition of Grace Alger for an allowance for sundry expenses, was referred to the next Meeting, and the Sub-Committee of the Mayhew Schools was desired to report upon the same.

Apprentices School

The Report upon the petition for Schools for Apprentices was referred to the next meeting.

Eng. Cl. Sch^s.

The Committee raised Sept 22 to consider the state of the E. Cl. School, reported by their Chairman the Rev^d Mr Jenks; which report was accepted.

Adjourned to Tuesday Decr. 2^d. at 10 o-clock

Tuesday Decr. 2^d.
No Quorum of Members appearing, the Sec^y adjourned the meeting sine die.

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Dec.r 5th

At a Legal Meeting of the School Committee, held this day, December 5th 1823.

School regulations

The Committee appointed Nov.r 8th to revise and amend the System of Rules and Regulations reported to the Board and ordered to be printed for the perusal and consideration of the members — reported by their Chairman a revised copy of the same.

The alterations and amendments having been read and considered by the whole Committee — Resolved

That the foregoing Rules and Regulations, as revised and amended, be, and the same hereby are adopted by the School-Committee, for the future management and regulation of the Schools; and it is ordered, that the same be printed, and that a copy thereof be sent to each of the Masters and Ushers of the several Schools.

Voted That the Secretary be authorised to procure 250 copies of the Rules and Regulations to be printed; and that he and Francis Baylett Esq be a Committee to superintend the printing of the same.

Alger

Voted That the Report of the Sub committee of the Mayhew Schools on the petition of Israel Alger, be accepted.

1824 Jan. 7 } At a meeting of the School Committee, at the Mayor & Aldermen's Room, on wednesday the 7th. day of January 1824,

The Mayor in the chair.

Mr. Wells resigns as Secy.

A letter from Wm Wells Esq. was read, resigning his office as secretary of the School Committee, whereupon

Voted, that the thanks of the School Committee be presented by the Chairman to Wm Wells Esq. for his long & faithful services, as secretary of this board.

Mr. Clap secretary

The Committee then proceeded to ballot for a secretary & Elisha Clap Esq. was unanimously chosen.

Use of 2 rooms in Boylston Sch. granted Mr. Collier.

A letter from Rev. Wm Collier was read, praying that his daughters may have the room under Boylston School, lately occupied by Mr. Fowle, for a School of Mutual Instruction, on terms specified in his letter. Whereupon

Voted that the subject be referred to the Sub-committee of the Boylston School, with full authority, if on examination into the subject they shall deem it expedient to permit Mr. Collier's daughters the use of the said room, on such terms and conditions as they shall consider equitable, taking a list of the articles delivered & also security for their return, and also for restoring possession of the room to the city, in one month after demand, in like good order and condition as delivered.

Money to purchase maps & globes.

Voted, that the Committee on Books be directed to furnish the schools with maps & globes, according to the memorandum annexed to their report, & draw on the Mayor for the money.

1824, Feb. 10. } At a stated meeting of the School Committee, Feb. 10, 1824. 10 o'clock, A. M. at the room of the Mayor & Aldermen,

The Mayor in the chair.

Collier

The Sub Committee of the Boylston School, made a report in favour of permitting the daughters of the Rev. Wm Collier to occupy the basement room of the Boylston School house & to use the furniture belonging to the same, for the purpose of Mutual Instruction, on specified conditions; annexed to which was an inventory of said furniture. Voted,

That the report be accepted, & together with the inventory be preserved on the files of this board.

Sub Com.

Voted, that the Sub Committees of the several English Grammar & Writing Schools be requested to supply the masters of said

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Murray's Grammar & Reader

A Letter was received from Messrs. Lincoln & Edmands accompanied with a copy of their "Pronouncing" English Reader & Introduction (including the whole of those works of Lindley Murray) praying that this Stereotype edition of theirs may be used in the publick schools of this city. Whereupon it was

Voted that the same should be referred to the Committee on books with full power to direct the same to be used in the schools, if they deem proper.

Globes & Maps

Voted that the power of the Committee on books to furnish the schools with Maps & Globes, be extended so as to embrace the furnishing of the Latin Grammar & English High School, in like manner with maps.

Mayhew Sch.

The Secretary was directed to apply to the Masters of the Mayhew Schools for their quarterly return, due on the first week of January.

Usher's grant to.

A motion was made by the Rev. Mr. Dean, & seconded, to grant the Ushers of the Writing & Grammar Schools an extra compensation for their services the current year. The subject was committed to Messrs. Pierpont, Bassett & Clap, to be reported on, at some future meeting.

Visiting Com^ees

Voted to appoint a Committee of three, the Mayor, Mr. Pierpont & the Secty., to arrange the visiting committees for the semiannual exhibition & examination of the publick Schools, on wednesday, the 18th. instant.

Meeting dissolved.

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Feb'y 26

At a meeting of the School Committee held this day; upon due notice, the Secretary being absent Rev.d John Pierpont was appointed Sec.y pro tem.

Report on motion to increase Compensation of Ushers.

The Committee, to whom was referred the motion of Rev.d Mr. Dean, "that the ushers of the publick Grammar and Writing Schools receive, in addition to their salary of $ 600, a grant of $ 150, each for the current year", reported against the motion: which report was accepted.

Charity School in Southac Street

A Memorial was presented by Rev.d Mr Jenks in relation to a charity school, established at private expense, for the instruction of children in Southac St. and its neighbourhood praying this Board to make application to the City Council for a grant of three hundred and thirty dollars, to meet the expenses which have already arisen in that school, and will probably arise in it, over and above the sum raised by charitable donations, before the children of the school can be transferred to the School house in Pinkney Street. — —

Referred to Messrs Dorr and Bassett.

R. Webb in re Osgood Carney

A request was made by Mr. Webb, master of the Writing department of the Franklin School, that he might be permitted to retain in his school, Osgood Carney, who was 14 years old before the last semiannual Visitation, in consideration of the assistance he might render to the master.

Request granted till visitation in August next.

Meeting dissolved.

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At a meeting of the School Committee held this day —

Report in re School in Southac St.

The Committee to whom was referred the memorial of Rev.d Mr. Jenks in relation to a school for the children in Southac Street Reported, recommending an application by this Board to the City Council, for a grant of a sum not exceeding two hundred and ten dollars, to be applied to the support of that school from and after the 19th of Feb.y last, until the annual visitation of the schools in August next.

Report accepted.

Robinson's Elements

Ordered, that "Robinson's Elements of Arithmetick by question and answer" be hereafter used by the third and fourth classes in the writing department of the publick Grammar and writing Schools.

(Notice of this Order addressed to the several masters and ushers of the writing schools.)

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April 15

At a meeting of the School Committee held this day, at the Mayor's room,

E. Clap, resigns as Secretary. J. Pierpont.

A letter was read, from Elisha Clap Esquire resigning his office as Secretary of this Board, in consideration of his health: whereupon Revd John Pierpont was chosen to take his place, during the remaining part of the current year.

Girls attend both departmts of Publick Schs.

An application was laid before the Board, signed by Thos Gould and others, requesting that the Committee would so modify their regulation (Sec. II. Ch. ii. reg. 4) lately enacted and published, as to allow misses to attend exclusively in one departmt. of the publick reading and writing Schools:— which request after discussion, was negatived.

Supernumeraries in Franklin Schs.

A communication, from E. Bailey, master of the Franklin Reading School, was read, stating that more boys attended in that department than could be accommodated with seats in his room: whereupon, Voted, that the Chairmen of the several Sub-committees of the Grammar and writing Schools be a Committee, authorized so to distribute the boys attending the several schools, as to relieve the Franklin School of its surplus.

Meeting dissolved.

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May 5

A Meeting of the School Committee of Boston was held this day, at the mayor and Aldermen's room.

The meeting was called to order by His Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Organizatn of the Board

Revd John Pierpont was chosen Secretary.

The Board was then distributed into sub-committees of the several schools, as follows

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Sub-Committees
of
The Several Schools

Latin School	Hon. Josiah Quincy Hon. Stephen Hooper Rev. Jn°. Pierpont Samuel Swett Esq°.
English High School	Hon. Josiah Quincy Elisha Clap Esq°. Francis Bassett Esq°. Asher Benjamin Esq°.
Eliot and Hancock Schools	William Little Esq°. Rev. Asa Eaton Dr. Caleb H. Snow
Mayhew School	Rev. Paul Dean Dr. Horace Bean Caleb Eddy Esq°.
Derne St. School	Hon. Stephen Hooper Rev. Hosea Ballou Enoch Patterson Esq°.
Boylston School	Francis Bassett Esq°. David W. Child Esq°. Joseph H. Dorr Esq°.
Adams School	Rev. John Pierpont William Dall Esq°. George Odiorne Esq°.
Franklin St. Boston Schools	Rev. Paul Dean Dr. George Hayward Daniel Baxter Esq°.
African School	Geo. Odiorne Esq°. Rev. Asa Eaton David W. Child Esq°.

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May 5. Messrs. Bassett, Pierpont, and Swett were chosen a Committee of Examination for the year: and it was expressed as the understanding of the board that, when about to visit either of the publick schools, for the purpose of examining it, this committee shall give notice thereof to the sub Committee of that School, that the members of that sub-committee may have an opportunity of attending and assisting in the examination.

Committee of Examination

In compliance with the Regulations of the School committee (S. I. Reg. 9) Messrs. Benjamin and Clap were appointed a standing committee for the year to meet the agents of the City Council and, jointly with them, to superintend the construction of the apartments, seats &c, in such of the publick School-Houses as may be built, or differently arranged in these respects, during the current year.

Committee, to confer with agents of City Council.

It was also Voted that the same committee be requested to ascertain the number of scholars that each of the several School-Houses will now accommodate; and to report whether, in their opinion, such an alteration might be made, in the internal arrangements of the several houses, in regard to the seats &c, as to accommodate a greater number than they now will; and, if so, what will be the time and expense requisite to effect such alteration.

To inquire as to capacity of School-houses

The Chairman having stated to the board that Mr. Stevenson had resigned his office as Sub master of the Latin School, it was Voted, That the sub-Committee of that School be requested to make the necessary inquiries relative to filling the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Stevenson, and to report upon the same at the next meeting of this board.

Mr. Stevenson resigns, as Sub-master of the Latin School.

A statement being made by the mayor that damage had been done to the lead on the roof of the School-House in South Boston, the business of directing and superintending the repairs of the same was referred to the Board of Aldermen.—

Damage to Sch. House in South Boston

It having been stated to the board that practical inconvenience had occurred in observing the rule in regard to dismissing two of the classes in the publick Schools, at one hour before closing the Schools in the morning, and two classes half an hour before closing in the evening, during the summer term, (see Regulations S II. ch ii. reg. 9) the subject was referred to the Committee of Examination Messrs Bassett, Pierpont and Swett.

Rule for dismissing two classes, referred

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Evening Prayers

The practical effect of the same regulation, upon that which requires the evening exercises to be closed with reading the Scriptures and with prayer, was referred to the consideration of Messrs Clap, Eaton and Pierpont.

Franklin School petitioned of its surplus.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of Mr. Bailey, Master of the Franklin Grammar School — representing that his room was too crowded to allow of the profitable instruction of the children — with authority to act definitively upon the same, — Reported that they had relieved that school of its surplus, by dismissing 46 of the boys whose residence was most northerly, and giving instructions to the Masters of other schools to receive those boys into their schools, according as they might respectively apply for admission: which report was accepted, and is on file.

Alger's Abridgment of Murray's Grammar.

On motion of the Secretary, as chairman of the Committee on Books for the last year, Voted That the several Grammar Masters of the Publick Schools be authorized and instructed to introduce into the Second Class, in their respective Schools, Alger's Abridgment of Murray's Grammar, Boston Stereotype Edition, so far as this can be done consistently with the improvement and convenience of the children of that class; — not however, to the immediate exclusion of Murray's own Abridgment, where the children are already furnished with that.

Meeting dissolved.

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11th May

At a stated meeting of the School Committee, held this day at the Mayor and Aldermen's room; his honour the Mayor being absent, Alderman Odiorne was called to the chair.

Mr. Bassett Excused from Comme of Examination;

On the request of Mr. Bassett that he might be excused from serving on the committee of examination,

Voted that he be excused.

Rev. Mr. Eaton added to it.

Voted that Rev. Mr. Eaton be added to the committee of examination.

School Houses can now accommodate 2857.

The Committee appointed to ascertain the number of children that each of the publick School Houses will now accommodate, or might be made to accommodate; reported, that the six School Houses which they had examined, can now accommodate 2857 children, in both departments; and that the same houses might be made to accommodate from 174 to 224 more children, at the expense of about a dollar for each seat. and that the several

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May 11th. report was accepted and is on file.

Voted that the subject of altering the seats in the Frank-
Seats in Franklin School lin School House, be referred to the Board of Aldermen, to be joined by the Sub-Committee of that School.

Davis Sub-master. Latin School The Sub-Committee of the Latin School reported that Mr Davis had been engaged for a time, to fill the place of Mr Stevenson as sub-master of that School; whereupon it was

Voted that Mr Davis be continued in that place till the appointment of masters for the year.

Report of Committee on Reg. Str. ch. ii. reg. 9. The committee to whom was referred the consideration of the rule with regard to dismissing a part of the school during the summer term, (Regs. S.H. ch ii. reg. 9) reported, recommending such an alteration in that rule as will allow the first and third classes to be dismissed in the forenoon, and the second and fourth in the afternoon, from the first monday in April to the fifteenth of that month, inclusive; and, from that time to the first monday in May exclusive, the second and fourth classes to be dismissed in the morning, and the first and thirds in the afternoon: and so on, alternating half-monthly, during the summer term:- which report was accepted and is on file.

Voted that the school about to be established on Pinckney St.
Bowdoin School be called, and known, by the name of The Bowdoin School.

Chest for Books & papers Voted that the Secretary of this Board be authorized to procure a chest or trunk for the purpose of depositing and keeping the books and papers of the School Committee.

Meeting dissolved

June 23 At a meeting of the School Committee held this day, it was
English High School and Bowdoin School Voted that the Schoolhouse which the city is now building on Pinckney Street be appropriated to the use and accommodation of the English High School:- that the Grammar School, on Derne Street, be hereafter called and known by the name of the Bowdoin School; and that the vote of 11th May giving that name to the House on Pinkney St be repealed.

Rev. Mr Eaton, in compliance with his request, was excused
Examg. Com. from serving in the examining committee, and his place was filled by Dr. Hayward.

1824 23d June. The following gentlemen were appointed as the committee of the Primary Schools for the ensuing year.

District

No. 1.

Henry Fowle Junr.
Thaddeus Page
Nath.l G. Snelling
Ephraim Milton
Jn.o Fenno Junr.
Chas.l Lincoln Junr.
Frederick A. Gay

No. 2.

John Farrar Junr.
Edward Page
Ellis B. Fenno
William Jones
John R. Adam
Joseph Lewis

No. 3

Reuben Richards Jr.
Charles Hood
Moses Grant
Thomas Wells
George Domett
John Ware
Daniel Noyes
Benjamin Ticknor
George Lane
Horatio N. Willis

No. 4

Benjamin Guild
Daniel Henchman
Lewis G. Pray
Calvin Washburn
William I. Spooner
Richard Ward
Enoch Hobart
James C. Merrill

No. 5

Zabdiel B. Adams
Isaac Mansfield
Abiel Chandler
Bradford Sumner
John Baker
William Brown
William J. Andrews
Benjamin B. Wisner
Isaac Osgood
Joshua Blanchard
Charles W. Cartwright

No. 6

Benj.n A. Gould
Samuel Davis
Enoch Hale Junr.
Jn.o C. Gray

No. 6 Contd.

George Ticknor
William H. Prescott
Gerard Hallock

No. 7

Jerry Fairbanks
Stephen Fairbanks
Samuel Capen
William Taylor
Charles Bemis
Adam Bent

Note. This Committee was appointed, ~~in part,~~ at the meeting on the 23d June. Some of the gentlemen having previously, and others subsequently, declined serving, the Primary Committees communicated their nomination of others to fill those vacancies, and those nominations were approved by the School Committee at their meeting on the 13th July. See next folio.

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July 15 At a meeting of the School Committee, held this day at the Mayor and Alderman's room, the following communication was laid before the Board by the Chairman.

Sch. house Wd. 11 or 12.

"To the Chairman of the School Committee of the city of Boston,

"Sir

"The Committee of the Common Council on the subject of a schoolhouse contemplated to be built in ward No. 11 or 12, who are directed to apply to your honourable board for information have the honour to submit the following questions

"Is it your opinion that the benefit of the community requires a new schoolhouse to be erected for the better accommodation of the scholars of the Franklin School? and, if so required, where, in your opinion, would be the most suitable place? And they beg leave further to request the School Committee to state to them anything further on the subject which, in their opinion, might tend to a better understanding of it by the Common Council. By order of the Committee

Jonathan Davis Chairman.

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Franklin Sch.

Whereupon it was Voted unanimously that in the opinion of this board, the benefit of the community does require a new schoolhouse to be erected for the better accommodation of the scholars of the Franklin School.

Voted that it is expedient to build the house contemplated on the land recently purchased by the city, on the margin of the flats north of Washington Street, and in the rear of John Green Junr's Store.

Adjourned to tomorrow at 4 o'Clock P. M.

July 16 At a meeting of the School Committee held this day according to adjournment, the Examining Committee reported in part; i.e. so far as relates to the Grammar and Writing Schools, which report was accepted and is on file. Whereupon the following Votes were passed

It appearing, ~~that~~ from the report of the examining Comm.ee, that the discipline and improvement of the lower classes of the Grammar department of the Hancock School was not satisfactory to them; Voted that Mr. Gill, the usher of that School be notified of the fact by transmitting to him a copy of this Vote.*

* Note. A copy of the same was accordingly communicated to Mr. Gill.

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Voted, that the paragraph in report of the Examing Comm.ee which relates to the Bowdoin School be communicated to the master and usher of the Writing department of that School. (a)

(a) done.

Voted, that the part of the report of the Examin.g Comm.ee which relates to the Mayhew School be transmitted to the writing master of that School; and that he be particularly directed to enforce strictly all the general rules and regulations which have been published for the direction of the instructers of the publick schools of this city. (b)

(b) done.

The Chairman having laid before the board two letters addressed to the chairman of the Examin.g Comm.ee by Mr. Storrs, master of the Grammar departm.t of the Eliot School, it was

Mr. Storrs' letters to Mr. Pierpont.

Voted, that, until those letters be further explained, the reappointment of Mr. Storrs be suspended.

Voted, that the Mayor, Rev.d Mr. Ballou, and Francis Bassett Esq.r be a committee to communicate with Mr. Storrs on the subject of the letters addressed by him to the Chairman of the Examining Committee.

Masters of Grammar Schools reappointed.

Voted that, with the exception of Mr. Storrs, master of the Eliot Grammar School, the Masters and Ushers of all the Publick Grammar and Writing Schools be reappointed for the present year; they discharging the duties of their respective offices, and otherwise conducting themselves to the satisfaction of the School Committee.

The Secretary having given notice that he expected to be absent for a few weeks,

Voted that Francis Bassett Esq.r be Sec.y ad interim.

Voted that the fixing of the salaries of teachers in the publick Schools be deferred till the next meeting.

Adjourned to Friday, 23.d Inst. at 4 O'Clock P.M.

July 23

At a meeting of the School Committee, held this day according to adjournm.t, (F. Bassett Esq.r Sec.y) it was

Mr. Storrs' apology.

Voted the explanatory letter and apology of Mr. Storrs, for writing a letter to Rev.d Mr. Pierpont, be accepted as satisfactory

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July 23 to the Committee.

Mr. Storrs reappointed

Voted that Mr. Nath.l Storrs be reappointed master of the reading and grammar department of the Eliot School, and that the Secretary give him notice of the same.

The subject of locating the new School house at the South End was again referred to the School Committee (a) and it was thereupon Voted by this Comm.ee to reconsider the vote which had been passed at the last meeting (b) fixing the place where the said house should be built; and a committee was appointed for the purpose of examining the ground proper for building the same; consisting of the Mayor, Messr.s Odiorne, Benjamin, Eaton, Bean, Dall, and Hayward.

(a) By a letter from Jon.a Davis, Chairman of Comm.ee of the Comm.n Council; of which a copy is subjoined in the record, below.

(b) At the meeting of 15 July. P.

Masters' Salaries

Voted that the salaries of the masters in the reading and writing departments of the grammar Schools be the same as the last year. i.e. Twelve hundred dollars each, with the exception of the School at South Boston:- the master's salary there, is Eight hundred dollars.

Ushers' Salaries

Voted that the ushers receive the same salaries as last year. (See the Vote of June 24.th 1823.)

African School

Voted that the salary of Master in the African School be three hundred dollars.

Meeting dissolved

The following is a copy of the letter from the Chairman of the comm.ee of the Common Council, referred to above.

"The Committee of the Common Council to whom was referred the subject of the remonstrance against the contemplated situation of the School house to be erected in Ward 12, having received the Vote of the School Committee of July 15, in answer to their request on that subject, and having themselves visited the site above referred to, beg leave respectfully to solicit the attention of the School Comm.ee again to their request of the 2.d Inst; not only in compliance with their own wishes but at the suggestion of the Hon.r the Mayor of the City.

Jon.a Davis, Chairman

Boston 22.d July 1824.

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Aug.t 10 At a meeting of the School Committee, held this day, it was

Voted that Messrs Clap and Bassett be a committee to report to the Mayor the several committees who are to visit the schools at the ensuing semiannual visitation and that notice of the arrangement be given by the Mayor the whole Committee.

Sept.r 7 At a meeting of the School Committee held this day

Masters and Ushers, Latin, Benjamin A. Gould was reappointed master of the Latin School. Frederick P. Leverett appointed Sub-master, vice Mr. Stevenson, resigned. Joseph Palmer and Thomas G. Bradford were reappointed, and William Newell and Samuel Parker were appointed, Ushers in the same School.

Eng. High, Solomon P. Miles was reappointed Master of the English High School. George W. Adams was reappointed usher, and Lucius V. Hubbard was appointed usher in the same School, vice Mr. Emerson, resigned.

and African School. Rev.d Wm. Bascom was appointed master of the African School, vice Jn.o B. Russwurm, resigned.

Previous to the above appointments, S. Swett Esq.r of the Examining Committee, presented a report touching the Latin, English High, and African Schools: which report was accepted and is on file.

Their Salaries Voted that the salaries of the several Teachers in the Latin and English High Schools be the same for the current as for the last year.

Brooks Voted that the petition of Josh Brooks, for the use of the room over the School room at South Boston, for the accommodation of a singing School, which petition had been referred to this Comm.e by the Board of Aldermen, be granted.

Tho.s Paul's A letter from Rev.d Thomas Paul, relative to the admission of his son into the Publick Latin School, having been laid before the Board, it was Voted Messrs Pierpont, Bassett, and Swett be a comittee to confer with Mr. Paul upon the subject of his letter, and report thereon to this Board.

The request of David Francis and others, that three ~~[illegible]~~ boys might be

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Sept. 7 admitted to the English High School, although they were a few days less than twelve years old, having been stated at the board and deliberately considered, it was

Voted that the boys in question may be admitted as members of the English High School, provided and on condition, that after their admission the whole number of scholars in that school will not exceed forty to each of the teachers now in the school, according to Sec. II. ch. III. Sq. of the Rules of the School Comm.te.

Note. It being found, on inquiry, that the scholars in the E. H. School already exceeded forty to a teacher, the subjects of the preceding vote were excluded by the condition contained in it.

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List of the Masters and Ushers of the Publick Schools, at this date.

Latin School

Benjamin A. Gould, Master
Fred.k P. Leverett, Sub-master
Joseph Palmer
Thomas G. Bradford } Ushers.
William Nerrill
Samuel Parker

English High School

Solomon P. Miles Master
George W. Adams
Lucius V. Hubbard } Ushers

Eliot School,	Nathaniel Storrs,	Grammar	Master
	Samuel Campbell,	"	Usher
	Elisha Webb,	Writing	Master
	Peter Conant	"	Usher
Hancock School	Nath.l K.G. Oliver	Gramm.r	Master
	Moses Gill	"	Usher
	Peter Mackintosh Jr.	Writing	Master
	Southworth Shaw	"	Usher
Mayhew School	John Frost	Gram.r	Master
	Charles O. Barker	"	Usher
	Benjamin Holt	Writing	Master
	James Robinson Jr.	"	Usher
Bowdoin School,	Abraham Andrews	Grammar	Master
	Samuel S. Adams	"	Usher
	John H. Belcher	Writing	Master
	Barnabas Whitney	"	Usher
Boylston School	John Stickney	Grammar	Master
	Joseph Bailey	"	Usher
	Fred.k Emerson	Writing	Master
	Benjamin Callender	"	Usher
Adams School	Benjamin D. Emerson	Gramm.r	Master
	Andrew C. Davison	"	Usher
	Jonathan Snelling	Writing	Master
	Luther Parker	"	Usher
Franklin School	Ebenr. Bailey	Gramm.r	Master
	Augustus Pierce	"	Usher
	Rufus Webb	Writing	Master
	George Tucker	"	Usher
South Boston School	Lemuel Capen		Master
African School	William Bascom		Master

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At a meeting of the School Committee held this day, at the Mayor's room, the Chairman ~~having~~ communicated to the board that at a meeting of the Sub-Commtee of the Latin School, on the 5th of October, the resignation of Joseph Palmer, as usher of that School was laid before the sub-commtee and was accepted:— That, after having particularly considered the recommendations of the several candidates for the office, Mr Edmund L. Le Breton was chosen usher, as successor to Mr Palmer:— and that Mr Le Breton had entered upon the duties of his office. Whereupon it was

Latin Sch. Usher resigd. & one chosen

Voted that the doings of the Sub Committee of the Latin School, in the premises, be affirmed.

The Mayor submitted the following report

South end School

"The Sub-Committee on the subject of the location of the School-house at the south end report that they have been disappointed in all their attempts to obtain a suitable location north of Castle Street, and request the direction of the School Committee on the subject"

Josiah Quincy, Chairman.

Whereupon, Voted

That the above Sub-Commtee continue their inquiries as to the most suitable location of such school, and as to the terms on which the land may be obtained, therefor, and make report to this board, as soon as possible.—

New Sch. house Pinkney st

The Mayor having informed the Commtee that the new School-house on Pinkney Street was ready to be occupied, it was

Voted that the School Committee meet tomorrow morning, at 9 o'clock at the new School House in Pinkney St, for the purpose of introducing into it the masters and scholars of the English High School.

Voted that the Chairman be requested to address the School on the occasion.

Latin Sch.

A letter from the master of the Latin School, respecting sundry boys, members of that School, whose parents were stated to be no longer inhabitants of Boston, was referred to the Chairman to make inquiries and report.

Badger Eliot Sch.

A communication from Mrs. Ann Badger, complaining of abuse of her son, Alfred Badger by Mr. Webb, writing master of the Eliot School, was Referred to the Sub-Commtee of that School, with a request that they would, as soon as possible, report to this board a statement of the facts in relation to the subject.

Whitney

A communication from Mr. B. Whitney, writing usher in the Bowdoin

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Nov. 1st School, respecting a balance claimed to be due him on the salary of the two first years of his service, was Referred to messrs Dorr, Swett and Bean.

Primary Sch. Com. A memorial from a Special Committee of the Primary School Committee, respecting further provisions for the instruction of such children as are too old for the primary, and unqualified for the Grammar Schools was Referred to Messrs. Bean, Eddy, and Hayward.

Meeting dissolved

Nov. 9th Badger At a regular meeting of the School Committee held this day at the Mayor's room, the Sub-Committee of the Eliot School reported a statement of facts in relation to the complaint of mrs. Ann Badger, and laid before the Board ~~xxxx laid~~ the evidence which they had collected relative to the subject; Whereupon, after much deliberation and a patient consideration of the whole matter it was

Voted, that, in the opinion of this Board, the injury, resulting from the punishment inflicted upon Alfred Badger by Master E. Webb was accidental and unintentional; and therefore, although they feel a lively sympathy with the mother in the sufferings of the lad, it is not, in their opinion, expedient to interfere further in the matter of her complaint.

Jenks Southack St. sch. A Communication, signed by Rev.d Wm. Jenks and Moses Grant Junr., requesting that the publick patronage might be continued to the School in Southac Street, together with an application from Mr. William Bates, teacher of that School upon the same subject, was referred to the Committee to whom the memorial of the Primary School Committee was referred, at the last meeting: viz. Messrs. Bean, Eddy and Hayward.

Meeting dissolved

Nov. 29 Masters & Ushers of Schools. At a meeting of the School Committee, held this day, at the Mayor's room, a petition was laid before the Board, from the Masters and ushers of the several publick schools, praying that, in addition to the holy-days now allowed by the Regulations of the Committee, the several Schools may be allowed the Friday and Saturday after the annual Thanksgiving. Whereupon, after much deliberation, it was

Voted that, in the opinion of this board, it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

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Nov.r 29 Voted that the Secretary of this board be authorized to procure to be printed half a ream of blanks for the quarterly returns of the several Reading and Writing Schools of this city. (See Regg. Sec. II. Ch. ii. § 15)

Coloured children. Voted that Alderman Dorr together with the Sub Comm.ee of the Eliot School, be a Comm.ee to inquire into the origin of the school for coloured children in the north part of the city, and into its claim upon the publick for support; and to report upon the same to this board.

Meeting dissolved

Dec.r 30 Latin Sch. Franklin Eliot Ushers. At a meeting of the School Committee, held this day at the Mayor's room, the resignation of Tho.s G. Bradford, usher of the Latin School, of Augustus Pierce, usher in the Grammar department of the Franklin School; and of Peter Conant, usher in the writing department of the Eliot School, having been communicated to the board by the chairmen of the Sub-Committees of those several Schools,

Voted that the Secretary be instructed to give publick notice of these vacancies, and that the Comm.ee will meet on the second Thursday of the ensuing January for the purpose of filling them.

Coloured Children. In compliance with the vote of Nov.r 29.th (see above) Mr. Little, chairman of the Sub-Comm.ee of the Eliot School reported verbally in relation to the school for children of colour, at the north part of the city;- Whereupon, after much conversation upon the condition and claims of those children in regard to instruction, it was

Voted that the Sub-Comm.ee of the African School be a Committee for the purpose of ascertaining the number of schools in this city for the instruction of children of colour;- the names of the several teachers; the number, age, and sex of the children actually and habitually attending in those schools; the expense at which they are severally maintained; together with such other circumstances in relation to them as may be deemed important; and that the s.d Committee be requested to report upon the subject referred as soon as is practicable.

Voted that the same Comm.ee be requested to take into consideration the whole subject of furnishing the coloured children of the city with instruction; and, if practicable to recommend to this board some course by which the claims of this

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Dec.r 30 portion of our population, in respect to publick instruction, may be prudently and equitably answered.

Ink Voted that, until it is otherwise ordered, the masters of the Writing department of the several schools be allowed the sum of twenty dollars each, as a yearly allowance for Ink furnished by them for their respective schools.

Meeting adjourned till Thursday 13th Jan.y next

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Jan.y 13 At a meeting of the School Committee held this day, pursuant to adjournment, at the Mayor and Aldermen's room,

Ushers chosen Henry Payson Kendall was chosen usher in the Latin School, in the place of Sho.s S. Bradford, resigned:

Henry S. Wade was chosen usher in the Grammar department of the Franklin, and

Levi Conant was chosen usher in the Writing department of the Eliot School.

Ushers change places Voted that Benj.a Callender, usher in the writing department of the Boylston School, and Barnabas Whitney usher in the writing department of the Bowdoin School, be requested each to take the place of the other; and that the writing masters of those schools be requested to accede to this mutual transfer.

Hancock sch. Voted that Messrs. Little and Eddy be a Committee to examine the account presented by the Instructors of the Hancock School for books and stationary, and to report to this board upon the propriety of allowing the same.

Whitney The Committee to whom was referred the claim of Mr. B. Whitney, (See records for 1 Nov.r 1824) presented a report, recommending the allowance of s.d claim in part; which report was accepted and is on file. It was referred to Mr. Dorr, Chairman of the Committee who made the report, to ascertain the precise sum, called for by the report, and to present the demand when thus liquidated, for payment

Alger Voted that the claim of Israel Alger for four dollars $\frac{87}{100}$ on a/c of a black board furnished by him for the Mayhew School, be allowed, and that the Mayor be requested to draw for the same.

Voted that a committee be appointed to inquire whether

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Jan. 13 Subscription papers in Schools

subscription books or papers, for a monument or any other publick or patriotick purpose, have been introduced into any of the publick schools of this city, with the advice, consent, or concurrence of the master or other instructors of such school or otherwise;— and to report to this board what schools, if any, have made such subscriptions, and to what amount; to the end that this board may take measures, if they see fit, to prevent, in future, a practice fraught with such mischievous consequences.

Voted that this Committee consist, of three, Messrs. Dorr, Dean, and Bean.

Colored Children

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the school for colored children, at the north part of the city, (see records 29th Nov. 1824) presented a report upon the matter refered, which report was referred over to the Committee to whom was refered the consideration of the whole subject of the publick instruction of children of colour. — See record of doings Dec. 30, 1824.—

Meeting dissolved.

Mar. 19 At a meeting of the School Committee held this day, at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, the Chairman laid before the board the following communication from the city council.

City of Boston

New School house to be built.

Ordered that the Mayor and Aldermen be authorized to build a School house forthwith on the land lately purchased by the city of Joshua Davis Esq. for the purpose, in Ward 12, taking the advice of the School Committee in relation to the size and plan of the same, and having reference to a suitable apartment for Ward meetings, and that the Mayor and Aldermen be requested to ascertain and report the Sum necessary to be appropriated for carrying the same into effect."

Dated 14 Mar. 1825.

Which order was referred to Messrs. Bassett, Clap, and Pierpont, to report thereon at the next meeting.

Adjourned till Thursday 22d. March, at 4 o'Clock, P. M.

Mar. 22. New School House. At a meeting of the School Committee, held this day according to adjournment, The Mayor, — as chairman of the committee on the subject of locating the School House at the South part of the city, as a substitute for the Franklin School, — which committee was appointed at the meeting of 23d. July 1824, and, at the meeting of 1st. Nov. 1824, was requested to continue their inquiries, and report as soon as possible — made the following report, which was accepted, and is on file.

The ~~Mayor, as Chairman of the Sub Committee~~ Sub-Committee of the School Committee, appointed on the subject of the location of a School House at the South-End, respectfully

Report

That they have made frequent inquiries as to a location suitable for a School House, and viewed several, and can find none better adapted than that which was formerly owned by Joshua Davis Esq. and now by the city; and which they would recommend as a proper location; — Provided the School Committee should be of opinion that the School House there to be built should not be a substitute for the Franklin School. — All which is respectfully submitted, by order of the Committee,

Josiah Quincy
Chairman"

Boston 21 Mar. 1825.

The Committee to whom, at the last meeting, was referred the order of the City Council respecting a house to be built upon land lately purchased of Joshua Davis Esq., made the following report, which was accepted and is on file,

"The Sub Committee to whom was referred the communication of the City Council, requesting the advice of the School committee respecting the size and plan of a School House which the City Council is about erecting upon a piece of land purchased for that purpose of Mr Joshua Davis, have considered the subject, and ask leave to report

That the subject of building a new School house at the south end has, at several times, been discussed and deliberated upon by the School Committee; and they have decided that a new School House, in that part of the city, is wanted as a substitute for the Franklin School House, which is not sufficient to accommodate the number of pupils in that vicinity; but, in as much as the city council have, without any consultation with, or advice of, the School Committee, determined upon a place where a school house shall be loca-

1825. cated, they declining giving any advice upon the subject.
Mar. 22 By order of said Sub Committee

J. Bassett, Chairman.

Whitney Mr. Alderman Dorr, Chairman of the committee to whom was referred the account of Barnabas Whitney, reported a specific statement of what appeared to be due to Mr. Whitney, which statement was appended to his report on that subject, 13th. Jan.y last.

The same was approved, and is on file, with the report aforesaid.

Collier Boylston sch. The Sub-committee of the Boylston School to whom, at the meeting of January 7th. 1824 was referred the application of Rev. Mr. Collier, for the use of the basement room of the Boylston School House, for purposes therein stated, with power to act definitively thereon,

Reported that the said room had been occupied by a daughter of Mr. Collier as a school room: that she had had the care and instruction of sundry children on account of the city, and under the direction of the 3d. Sub. Committee: that the charge of Miss Collier against the City for that instruction amounted to thirty Eight dollars, twenty five cents- of which sum, the committee state that they had recommended the payment to Miss Collier of twenty dollars, and that the balance; eighteen dollars, twenty five cents, be reserved by the city on account of rent.

Which report was accepted, and is on file.

Subscriptions in Schools. The Committee on the subject of subscription papers circulated in the public Schools - (See Records, 13 Jan.y 1825) reported that subscriptions for the Bunker Hill Monument had been made in some of the schools, as particularly specified in the report, which was accepted and is on file. Whereupon it was

Ordered, that for the future, no subscription, for any purpose whatever, be introduced into any of the publick Schools of this city.

Note. A Copy of the above order was left with the Chairman to be sent by him to each of the publick Schools.

Boylston & Mayhew Sch. Messrs. Bassett and Dean, as chairmen of the Sub Committees of the Boylston and the Mayhew Schools, made a written statem.t to the board they had effected a transfer of the ushers, Robinson and Callender, whereby the former became usher of the writing departm.t of the Boylston; and the latter usher of the writing department of the Mayhew School. Whereupon it was

1823 Mar. 22. Voted that the doings in the premises be approved.

Franklin & Boylston Schools. On the request of the masters of the Franklin and the Boylston Schools,

Voted that Thos. J. Wyman may continue in the Franklin, and Nat. Sargent in the Boylston School, till the next period of admission into the English High School: and, on the request of Nathaniel Vinal, the same permission be granted to his son, to remain in the Hancock School — provided that the Masters of that school are willing, and shall consider that he may be made useful in the school.

Voted, that the Secretary be authorized to procure to be printed, blank notifications of appointment, to the office of instructers in the publick Schools.

African School. Voted, that, until further orders from this board, the Master of the African School be authorized to teach in his school any of the languages, or any branches of science, that are taught in any of the publick schools of this city; and that such of his scholars as are desirous of it, may remain in his school, although they are past the ages allowed in the other Grammar and writing schools of the city; — provided that their so remaining shall not prejudice the younger members of the school.

Meeting dissolved

April 12. Franklin Sch. At a meeting of the School committee, held this day at the Mayor's room, a communication was laid before the board from the masters of the Franklin School, complaining that unless they could be furnished with larger and more convenient rooms, it would be impossible to teach the present number of scholars, in such a manner as would be, in any degree profitable to the children or satisfactory to themselves; and suggesting to the committee the propriety, not to say necessity of affording them immediate relief. Whereupon it was

Ordered that all the boys, members of the Franklin School, who reside in Bedford, Boylston, Essex, Short, and South Streets, — in Essex Court, Hayward place, Morton Place, Peck Lane, and South Boston be dismissed from that school, and permitted to enter any of the other publick schools, as may be to them most convenient.

Voted that the Mayor and Aldermen be requested to cause the Franklin School house to be furnished immediately with such new seats or forms as can be erected in it, for the better accommoda-

1825 tion of the children of the Franklin School.
12 April

Meeting dissolved

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21 April At a meeting of the School Committee, held this day at the Mayor's room,

Bowdoin Sch. master resigns

The Secretary communicated to the Board a letter addressed to him by Mr. Belcher master of the writing department of the Bowdoin School, resigning his office as such, from and after the first of May ensuing, and desiring that a successor might be appointed who might enter upon his office at that time. Whereupon it was

Voted to proceed immediately to the choice of a master to take the place of Mr. Belcher, and

Master chosen

Mr. James Robinson Jr. usher in the writing department of the Boylston School, was chosen.

The appointment of an usher, to take the place in the Boylston School, vacated by the advancement of Mr. Robinson, was referred to the Sub Committee of that school, subject to the approbation of this Board.

Latin Sch. master has leave of absence

The Mayor, as chairman of the Sub-Committee of the Latin School, laid before the Board an application of Mr. Gould for leave of absence on account of ill health, together with a letter from Dr. Bigelow, stating the necessity of Mr. Gould's withdrawing for a season, from the duties of his office, and the vote passed by the sub-committee of the Latin School on the 25th March, acceding to the request of Mr. Gould, and authorizing him to be governed by the directions of his physicians in regard to the time of his absence, (all which are on file) Whereupon it was

Voted that the doings of the Sub Committee of the Latin school in the premises be approved.

Adjourned, sine die

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May 6

A meeting of the School Committee was held this day at the Mayor's room.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor, Hon. Josiah Quincy. Rev. John Pierpont was chosen secretary.

The board, being organized for the year, was distributed into sub-committees, as follows.

Latin School

Hon. Josiah Quincy,
Alden Bradford, Esq.
Rev. Asa Eaton,
Francis Bassett, Esq.

English High School

Jacob Bigelow, Esq.
Thomas Welsh Esq.
Rev. Jno. Pierpont,
Dr. Geo. Hayward.

Eliot School,

Henry J. Oliver Esq.
Rev. Paul Dean,
Rev. Silas Blaisdall.

Hancock School,

John D. Dyer Esq.
Rev. Hosea Ballou,
Dr. Horace Bean.

Mayhew School.

Rev. Asa Eaton
Thomas Welsh Jr. Esq.
Rev. Benj.n B. Wisner.

Bowdoin School,

John Bryant, Esq.
Henry J. Oliver, Esq.
Rev. Sebastian Streeter.

Boylston School,

John Bellows Esq.
Josiah Marshall, Esq,
Rev. Benj.n B. Wisner.

Adams School,

Francis Bassett, Esq,
Rev. Hosea Ballou,
Daniel Carney, Esq.

Franklin School,

Rev. John Pierpont,
John Bellows, Esq
Rev. Prince Hawes.

South Boston School.

Alden Bradford, Esq.
Rev. Paul Dean.
Dr. Geo. Hayward.

African School

Rev. Prince Hawes, Dr. Horace Bean, John D. Dyer, Esq.

School houses repairing.

Voted that Messrs. Hayward and Eaton be a committee, to confer with such committees as may be appointed by the City Council, during the current year, on the subject of building, altering, or repairing School Houses.

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May 6 Examining Comᵉᵉ

Voted that Messrs. Bradford, Wisner, Dean, and Eaton, constitute the examining for the present year; and that when they are about to visit any particular school for the purpose of Examining it, they be requested to give notice thereof to the Sub-Committee of that School; that the members of such sub committee may, if convenient, attend and assist in the examination.

Ordered that the Secretary procure to printed for the use of this board, lists of the several Sub Committees for the present year; and there be appended to such lists the fourth article of the first section of the "Regulations of the School Committee".

Eng. High Sch.

The Secretary laid before the board, a communication from Mr. Miles, master of the English High School, requesting, for reasons therein stated, that the lower South room of the High-School house might be appropriated for the accommodation and use of the Mathematical instruments and Philosophical apparatus belonging to that School.

Whereupon it was Voted, that the request of Mr. Miles be granted, and the Sub. Committee of that School be authorized to act definitively upon the premises.

Meeting dissolved

May 10 At a regular quarterly meeting of the School Committee, held this day at the mayor's room,

On motion that the committee proceed to fix the salaries of the instructers of the publick schools for the current year, it was

Voted to postpone that subject till a future meeting.

African Sch. north part of Cde.

Voted that the question as to the further maintenance of the African school, at the north end, of which Mrs. Parkman is teacher, be referred to Messrs. Oliver, Streeter and Bradford.

Mill dam Sch.

Voted the subject of establishing a school for the accommodation of the citizens on the Mill-dam, be referred to Messrs. Blake, Hayward, and Hawes.

High Sch. for Girls

On motion of the secretary, it was Voted that a committee be raised to consider the expediency and practicability of establishing a publick school for the instruction of girls in the higher departments of science and literature, and

1825 to report upon the same to this board.

Voted that this committee consist of (Messrs. Welsh, Pierpont, Bassett, and Hayward.

Franklin Sch. Voted that Messrs. Marshall, Pierpont, Dean, Bean, and Bradford, be a committee to inquire and report to this board upon the expediency of applying to the city council for an appropriation of money for the erection of a new school-house for the better accommodation of the Franklin School;

Meeting adjourned, sine die

June 22 At a special meeting of the School Committee held this day at the Mayor's room; present, The Mayor, Aldermen Carney, Blake, Bellows, Dyer, Marshall, Welsh, and Oliver; and Messrs Bradford, Ballou, Dean, Harris, Bassett, Blaisdell, Wisner, Bean, and Hayward; the Secretary being absent, (Henry J. Oliver Esqr. was chosen Sec.y pro tempore.

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Boylston School master A communication in the nature of a memorial, or complaint, from a Committee of citizens, signed "John Lotton, Chairman," and "Bradford Sumner, Clerk", relative to the official conduct of Mr. John Stickney, Master of the reading and grammar department of the Boylston School, was read. Whereupon, it was

Voted That this Committee will meet on Friday next at this place, at 9 O'Clock, for the purpose of hearing the evidence of the charges made against s.d master; and that the Secretary give notice to Mr. Stickney, to appear before the Committee with such evidence as he may see fit to adduce, by serving him with a copy of the allegations; — also, that the Sec.y notify Mr. Jn.o Lotton, chairman as aforesaid, that the Committee will meet as above stated, to attend to the proper investigation of this subject. —

High Sch. for girls. A Report of the Committee on the subject of a High School for girls was read, and was unanimously accepted.

Note. This report recommended the establishment of a School for the instruction of females in the higher departments of Science and literature, and closed with a resolve that The Mayor, as chairman of this board, be requested to lay the report before the City Council, and ask the grant or appropriation of two Thousand dollars for the purpose, of effecting the object therein recommended.

African Sch. A Report of the committee on the subject of the further maintenance of the african school, at the north part of the city was read and Accepted. —

1825 June 22. Mill dam Sch. A Report of the committee on the subject of establishing a school for the accommodation of the citizens resident on the Mill-dam, was read and accepted.

Hancock sch. Usher resigns. A letter was read from Mr. Southworth Shaw, signifying his intention to relinquish his office as usher in the writing department of the Hancock School: Whereupon it was

Voted That the Secretary cause publick notice to be given in the newspapers to all persons who are desirous of the appointment to make application in writing to the mayor, until 1st July.

Alger Murrays exer. A letter from Israel Alger, ~~was read~~ relative to the introduction of his edition of Murrays Exercises into the schools, was read: Whereupon

Books. Voted that Messrs Blake, Bradford and Wisner be a standing Committee on Books; and that the above mentioned letter of Mr. Alger be referred to the Sd. Committee.—

Medals. On motion of Rev. Mr. Dean, Voted that a committee be appointed to consider, and report upon the expediency of changing the time of the distribution of medals to the misses in the publick grammar schools. Committee Messrs Welsh, Dean & Streeter.

The subject of fixing the salaries of the several masters and ushers was brought up; Whereupon

Voted That this Committee will meet on the first Tuesday in July, at 3 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of choosing the masters and ushers of the publick schools, and of fixing the salaries of the same.

Adjourned to Friday next, at 9 o'clock A.M.—

June 24

The School Committee met according to adjournment, at the Mayor's room. Present the Mayor, Aldermen Carney, Blake, Bellows, Dyer, Marshall, Bryant, Welsh, & Oliver; and Messrs Bradford, Ballou, Bassett, Blaisdell, Kerpont, Eaton Hawes and Hayward. Before proceeding to the consideration of the charges affecting Mr. Stickney, Voted to confirm the nomination made to this board, by the primary School Committee, of the following gentlemen as constituting the board of primary School Committee for the following year:—

Stickney

The list embraces two members nominated at a subsequent meeting

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June 24 The following gentlemen constitute the board of Primary School Committee for the ensuing year.

District

No. 1. Henry Fowle Jr.
William Barry Jr.
Simon W. Robinson
Ephraim Milton
Jno. Fenno Jr.
Chas. Lincoln Jr.
Fredk. A. Gay.

No. 2. John Farrie Jr.
Saml. Pilsberry
Isaac T. Dupee
William Jones
Ezekiel Jones
Joseph Lewis

No. 3. Reuben Richards Jr.
Fredk. T. Gray
Moses Grant
Thomas Wells
George Domett
John Ware
Daniel Noyes
Benjn. Ticknor
George Lane
Samuel Howe

No. 4. Daniel Henchman
Lewis G. Pray
Calvin Washburn
Jno. P. Spooner
Richard Ward
Enoch Hobart
Thomas Wiley

No. 5. Zabdiel Adams
Isaac Mansfield
Abiel Chandler
Francis Watts
John Baker
William Brown
William T. Andrews
Isaac P. Osgood
William T. Eustis
Joshua Blanchard
Charles Stoddard

No. 6. Benjamin A. Gould
Samuel Davis
Enoch Hale Jr.
James Bowdoin
John Lowell Jr.

No. 6 Continued
Francis C. Head
Gerard Hallock

No. 7. Gerry Fairbanks
Stephen Fairbanks
Lemuel Capen
William Taylor
Bela Hunting
Adam Bent
Henry Hatch
William B. Dorr

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June 24 Voted to adjourn, for the more convenient examination of Mr. Stickney's case, to the Common Council room.

Boylston Sch. Master After some discussion in the Common Council room, it was

Voted that the examinations of the witnesses, in this case, be publick; except so far as it respects the witnesses, who shall be examined separately.

Voted that the witnesses, in this case, be under oath, except in case of children of tender age, in respect to whom the chairman may exercise his own discretion, whether to administer the oath or not. — This was decided by the casting vote of the chairman, and was according to the request of Mr. Stickney.

The examination was begun, and continued till ½ past 1 o'clock P. M, when the board adjourned to 3 o'clock; at which time the examination was resumed, and continued till 6 o'clock; when, the evidence being closed, the board adjourned to Wednesday, the 29th either at 9, a. m. or 3, P. M, at the election of the chairman.

June 29 The Committee met according to notice from the Secy. by order of the Mayor, at 3 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of considering the evidence adduced in support of the charges brought against Mr. Stickney, and of forming the result of their investigation.

Present, The Mayor, aldermen Carney, Blake, Bellows, Dyer, Marshall, Bryant, Welsh, Oliver, and Messrs Bradford, Ballou, Pierpont, Blaisdell, Hawes, Bassett, Eaton, Dean, Hayward and Streeter.

Voted that the charges against Mr. Stickney, Master of the Reading and Grammar department of the Boylston School, — contained in a memorial from a committee of citizens, signed "John Cotton, Chairman," and "Bradford Sumner, Secy." be taken up and considered in the order of their apparent relative importance.

In pursuance of this vote the charges, twelve in number, were considered distinctly, and a special vote was passed upon each.

Note. The memorial, together with the vote of the committee upon each of the specifick allegations of which it consists, is on the files of this department; and may be inspected by such as feel an interest in the subject: but, as they are matter of individual, rather than of publick interest, those papers are not made part of these records.

Voted that a copy of the result of this investigation be transmitted by the Secy. to Mr. Stickney, and to the chairman of the committee presenting the memorial; and that further proceedings be deferred for future consideration. Adjourned sine die. — Copies sent, according to last vote.

July 5 At a meeting of the School Committee held this day at the Mayor's room, in pursuance of the resolve of June 22d. for the purpose of choosing the Masters and ushers of the publick schools,

Present, The Mayor, aldermen Carney, Blake, Bellows, Dyer, Welsh, Bryant, & Oliver, and Messrs, Bradford, Ballou, Dean, Pierpont, Streeter, Hawes, Wisner, Eaton, Blaisdell ;-

The Examining Committee made a full report of their doings and of the state of the schools, which was accepted, and is on file.

Secretary. On a suggestion of the Mayor, Voted that Messrs Blake, Oliver and Bassett be a committee to consider the propriety of making the Secretary of this board some compensation for his services, - and to report upon the same.

Voted that those paragraphs of the report of the examining Committee, which express dissatisfaction with the appearance or conduct of any particular teacher, be communicated by the Secretary to the persons to whom they respectively relate.

Note.- A communication, under this vote, made to Mr. B. Whitney, usher in the writing departm.t of the Bowdoin School. The necessity of a similar one, to Mr. M. Gill of the Hancock school, was superseded by his failing of a re-election.

Salaries Voted that the same salaries be allowed to the respective Masters and Ushers of the publick Schools for the ensuing year, as was allowed last year: viz.

Masters of the Latin, and of the English High School	$2.000 each.
Sub Master of the Latin School	1.200
Ushers of the Latin and of the E. High School, each	600 for the first year of their employment in the service, $700 for the second, and $800 for the third and for each succeeding year.
Masters of the Publick Grammar and Writing Schools	1.200 each
Ushers in do do	600 "
Master of the School at South Boston	800
" of the African School, (exclusive of Smith's fund)	300

African Master Voted that 25 dollars be allowed to Mr. Bascom, master of the African School for extra services, during the last year, (in relation to a Son of Rev. Mr. Paul) rendered under the direction of the School Committee.

Prim. S. Voted that the nomination, by the primary Committee, of Thomas Wiley, for Dist. No. 11, and Wm. B. Dorr for No. 7, as members of the board of primary comm.es be confirmed.

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July 5 – Hancock Sch. Usher

Jacob A. Kent was chosen to fill the office of usher in the writing department of the Hancock School, vacated by the resignation of Mr. S. Shaw.

Masters & Ushers chosen

The Committee then proceeded to the appointment of Masters and Ushers of the publick schools, by a separate ballot for each. All those now in the service were re-appointed, with the exception of Mr. Stickney, Master of the reading and Grammar department of the Boylston, and Mr. Gill usher in the same department of the Hancock Schools.

Voted that the salaries of Mr. Stickney and Mr. Gill be continued to them respectively, till the end of the current quarter, and that the Secretary communicate to these gentlemen this vote, together with the result of the ballot upon the question of their respective re-appointment.

Voted that the Secretary give publick notice by advertisement that, on the second Tuesday of august next, this board will meet for the purpose of choosing a master and an usher, to fill the places vacated by the non-election of Mr. Stickney and Mr. Gill.

Meeting dissolved

Aug. 9th At a quarterly meeting of the School Committee, held this day at the mayor's room, present The Mayor, aldermen Carney, Dyer, Bellows, Welsh and Oliver, and Messrs. Bradford, Ballou, Pierpont, Eaton, Bean, Streeter, Dean, Blaisdell, Hawes, Bassett and Hayward,

Eng. high Sch.

A communication was read from Mr. Miles, master of the English High School, recommending the introduction into that school of Colburn's Algebra, as a substitute for Euler's, and of Goodrich's Hist.y of the United States, as a substitute for Grimshaw's.

Referred to Messrs Bradford and Pierpont, to act upon the subject definitively or otherwise, and report to this board.

Note; Colburn's Algebra was ordered by this committee to be substituted for Euler's in the english High School: the consideration of Goodrich's History is deferred to a future time.

Boylston & Hancock Sch.

The board proceeded to fill the places made vacant by the non-election of Mr. Stickney, master of the Boylston, and of Mr. Gill, usher of the Hancock Grammar School, – and

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Aug. 9 Mr. Charles Sox was chosen to succeed Mr. Stickney, and Mr Charles K. Dillaway, to succeed Mr. Gill.

Daniels On the Complaint of W. B. Daniels against Mr. Adams, usher in the Bowdoin School, for improper confinement of his son, which complaint was submitted to this board by the sub-committee of that School,—

Voted that the Chairman be requested to address to Mr. Adams a letter of admonition.

The Secretary gave notice that, at the next meeting, he should propose a repeal of Sec. II. Ch ii. S 16 of the Regulations of the School Committee.

Medals A Report, recommending an alteration of the time of distributing the City Medals to the Misses of the publick Grammar Schools, from the day of exhibition in August, to the Wednesday next preceding the first Monday in December, was presented by Messrs Welsh, Dean, and Streeter, and was accepted.—

Adjourned till Friday next, at 9 o'Clock A. M.

Aug. 12 Adjourned meeting: not a quorum.

Aug. 15 At a meeting of the School Committee held this day, at 9 o'Clock A. M. by order of the chairman; present, the Mayor, aldermen Carney, Bellows, Welsh, Oliver; Messrs. Bradford, Eaton, Bean, Pierpont, Dean, Streeter, Bassett, and Hayward.),

Visiting Com^es The Board was divided into three committees for the purposes of Visiting the Grammar and writing Schools on the morning of Wednesday, the 24th Inst., each committee to visit two schools:— and into two committees for the purpose of visiting the Latin and the Eng. High Schools,— one com^e to each school,— in the afternoon of the same day.

Rules repealed. The rules, Sec. II, Ch ii, S 16, of the Regulations of the School Committee, was unanimously repealed.

Voted that blanks be printed for the use of the sub-committees in their examination of their respective schools for medals.—

Boylston Sch. master On request of Mr Sox, master elect of the Boylston School, that his services in that school might be dispensed with until the opening of the schools after the ensuing vacation,

Voted that the request of Mr. Sox be granted.

Meeting adjourned, sine die

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Sept. 27 At a meeting of the School Committee held this day at 9 o'Clock a.m. at the Mayor's room. Present the Mayor, Aldermen Dyer, Bellows, and Marshall, and Messrs. Bradford, Ballou, Bassett, Eaton, Hayward, Oliver, Pierpont, Streeter.

Girls - on their going to Sch. the whole year - A communication was laid before the Board from the City Council, requesting the School Committee to consider the expediency of keeping the publick grammar schools open for girls all the year, which, after much desultory conversation, was referred to a Committee of five. The Mayor, Messrs. Bellows, Bassett, Eaton, and Oliver.

South Boston Sch. The Chairman of the Sub-Committee of the South Boston School presented the report on the subject of a complaint by Mrs Betsey Thornbury against Mr. Capen for abuse of her child, which report was accepted, and is on file.

Mayhew Sch. A letter was read from Mr Frost, Master of the Grammar department of the Mayhew School, stating that on account of a Hamorrage from the lungs a suspension of his labours and a residence in a southern climate had been prescribed by his physician, and, for that reason, asking leave of absence during the ensuing winter. Leave granted, on condition that the publick interest in the opinion of the sub committee of that School, shall not suffer by reason of the Master's absence.

Referred to the Sub Committee, to act definitively.

Latin School It appearing that there were several boys in the Latin School whose right to a seat there was questionable, the matter was referred to the Sub-committee of that School, to make inquiry, and report.

May & West The request of Messrs Samuel May and Benjamin West, that a son of each, who had been examined and regularly admitted into the English High School, might be permitted to continue in the School, although they were not twelve years old, was considered; and, it appearing that the granting of the request would not make the appointment of another teacher in that School necessary, and would not be attended with any additional expense to the city,

It was Voted that the request be granted.

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Sept. 27 Buddit aut. The account of James W. Burditt, for Books and stationary furnished the Masters of the Hancock School, sent up by the auditor of accounts, was referred to the board of Aldermen with the request that those items of the bill might be allowed, which, it should appear, had been furnished by authority of the School Committee, and appropriated to the publick service.

Boylston sch. Voted that the salary of a Grammar master be allowed to Mr Joseph Bailey, usher in the Grammar department of the Boylston School, from the time that Mr Slickney left that school to the time that his successor entered upon the duties of his office.

Adjourned, sine die

Teachers of the publick Schools in Boston 1 Oct.r 1825

Latin... Master, Benj.n A. Gould, Ushers, Wm. Newell, Saml. Parker,
Sub-Master, Fred.k P. Leverett. Edm.d L. Le Breton, H. P. Kendall.

Eng. High... Master, Solo.n P. Miles. " Wm. I. Adams, Lucius V. Hubbard.

Grammar Schools

School...	Gr. Master...	Usher.	Writ.g Master...	Usher
Eliot...	Nath.l Storrs,	Sam.l Campbell.	Elisha Webb,	Levi Conant.
Hancock...	Nath.l K. G. Oliver,	Chas.l K. Dillaway.	Peter Mackintosh,	Jacob H. Kent.
Mayhew...	John Frost,	Chas. C. Barker,	Benj.n Holt.	Benj.n Callender.
Bowdoin...	Abn. Andrews,	Sam.l F. Adams,	Jas. Robinson Jr.	Barnabas Whitney?
Boylston...	Charles Fox,	Jos. Bailey,	Fred. Emerson,	David Hobbs.*
Adams...	Benj.n D. Emerson,	And.w C. Dawson,	Jon.a Snelling	Luther Parker.
Franklin...	Eben.r Bailey,	Henry L. Wade,	Rufus Webb	Geo. Thacher
South Boston...	Samuel Capen.			
African...	Wm. Bascom.			

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* Introduced by the sub Commee of that school in June, and his appointment confirmed by the whole board, at the general appointment of teachers, 5.th July 1825.

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Oct. 12 At a meeting of the School Committee, held this day at the mayor and aldermen's room, present, the Mayor, Ald. Blake, Dyer, Marshall, Welsh, and Oliver, and Messrs Bradford, Bean, Blaisdale, Bassett, Pierpont, and Streeter,

Females. The committee to whom was referred a communication from the City Council relative to the continuing females in the publick Grammar Schools during the whole year,

Reported that they had "unanimously" come to the opinion that it will not be expedient to alter the present regulations of the schools, in relation to this subject; which report was accepted, and is on file.

Voted that the Secy. of this board be requested to transmit a copy of the report last mentioned to the City Council.

Secretary's comp. The Committee to whom, (on the 5th July,) was referred the consideration of the expediency of making compensation to the Secretary of this board, presented the following report, which was accepted

"The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the propriety of making the Secretary of this Board some compensation for his services, and to report upon the same, having considered the same, do report; That in consideration of the services performed by that officer, which are occasionally quite laborious, and require the employment of considerable time, they are of opinion that the allowance of the compensation of one hundred and fifty dollars per annum would be but just and reasonable.

Geo: T Blake
for order"

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Children not qualified for admission into sch. The report of a Committee of the Common Council on the subject of providing instruction at the publick expence for those children of this city who are too old to be admitted into the primary, and too ignorant for admission to the Grammar schools, signed by Thomas Wells Chairman, and sent up for the consideration of this board was read, and referred to Messrs Quincy, Welsh, Bassett, Pierpont, and Bradford.

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Oct. 12 Aug. High Sch. The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of a letter from the master of the English High School, relative to Colburn's Algebra and Goodrich's History of the United States, presented a report of their doings in the premises, which report was accepted; and is on file).

Note. This report states that the books aforesaid had been ordered for the use of the class recently admitted).—

High Sch. for Girls A Report of the Committee of the Common Council to whom had been referred the doings of this board in relation to a higher school for females,— as will as the report of a joint Committee of the City Council on that subject,— which report, signed J. R. Adan for the committee, and accepted by the Common Council, had been concurred in by the board of Aldermen— was read and the whole matter was referred to Messrs Quincy, Blake, Hayward, Pierpont and Dean.

Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 26th Inst at 4 O'Clock P. M.

Oct. 26 At a meeting of the School Committee, held this day pursuant to adjournment, present The Mayor, aldermen Bellows, Welsh, Marshall, and Oliver, and Messrs. Bradford Blaisdale, Eaton, Dean, Hayes, Pierpont, Streeter, and Wisner,

High Sch. for Girls The committee on the subject of the High School for Girls presented a report on the several matters embraced in the reference, which, after discussion, and amendment in some particulars, was accepted as amended, and is on file.— (See, forward

Voted that the Committee will meet on Tuesday, 15th. Novr. next, for the appointment of a master of the School for girls about to be established; and that the Secretary give publick notice of the same; specifying, in the notice, the several studies to be pursued, according to the report just accepted.

Voted that Messrs Bellows, Welsh, Pierpont, Oliver, and Eaton, be a committee to consider, and report upon, the salary of the Master of the High School for Girls.

Voted that Messrs Bryant, Marshall, Wisner, Pierpont, Welsh and Streeter, be a committee to procure for the accommodation of the High School for Girls, in the Vacant Story of the Bowdoin

1825 School-house, by removing the present partitions and forms,
Oct. 26. and making such other arrangements in the premises as shall be found expedient.

Adjourned

Nov. 8 At a quarterly meeting of the School Committee held this day at the mayor's room, present the Mayor, Alderman Welch, Bryant, and Oliver, and Messrs Ballou, Bradford, Bassett, Dean, Eaton, Hawes, Hayward, Pierpont and Wisner,

Child.n too old The subject of establishing a school for such children of this city as are too old for admission to the primary schools, and not qualified for the publick Grammar Schools was deliberately considered, and, in compliance with the recommendation of the Committee to whom the matter had

See Records for 12 Oct.a been referred, it was

Voted that the Mayor be requested to cause an advertisment to be inserted in the papers for one month, requesting all persons, parents and others, who know of any children above seven years of age, that are not qualified to enter the Grammar Schools according to the present regulations, and who wish to avail themselves of their advantages, to communicate the names of such children and the circumstance of their respective ages to the mayor; to the end that this Comm.ee may have information concerning the necessity of making provision for the instruction of such children, according to the recommendation of the City Council.

Colour.d child. The consideration of the school for coloured children, at the north part of the city, was deferred to a future meeting.

A report of the Committee on the subject of the salary of the master of the High School for girls, was read, and, on motion of the secretary was laid upon the table.

Latin Sch. Voted that the Chairman of the sub-Committee of the Latin School be requested, to inquire by what authority the days of the quarterly exhibition at Cambridge, and of the cattle-show at Brighton, or any part of the same, are allowed as holidays in that school.

Meeting adjourned sine die.

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Nov. 15 At a special meeting of the School Committee held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, pursuant to the resolve of 26th October, the Committee on the subject of the salary of the master of the Monitorial High School for girls, presented the following report, which after discussion was accepted

High Sch. for Girls "The Committee appointed on the subject of salary of the Master of the Female High School respectfully

Report, That, in the opinion of your Committee, it is expedient to fix the salary, for the time being at fifteen hundred dollars. Per order of the Committee

Nov. 8th Jn. Bellows Chairman

Master The Board then proceeded to ballot for a master, and Mr. Ebn. Bailey, Master of the Grammar Department of the Franklin School, was unanimously chosen.

Medals Ordered, that the exhibition of the Girls, in the several Grammar and Writing Schools, and the distribution of the city medals to the successful competitors, take place, for the present year, on the last Tuesday of this month; and that the Secretary give notice of the same to the several Masters of those Schools.

Voted that the Committee will meet again on Tuesday next at 4 o'clock P.M. in order to take measures to fill the place in the Franklin School, vacated by the election of Mr Bailey as above.

Meeting adjourned

Nov. 22 At a meeting of the School Committee held this day according to adjournment, present, the Mayor, Aldermen Bellows, Bryant, Oliver, and Messrs. Bradford, Blaisdale, Bassett, Eaton, Hayward, Pierpont and Wisner, — a letter was read from Mr. E. Bailey, accepting the appointment of Master of the Monitorial high School for girls, — Whereupon it was

Voted that the Secy. be requested to give publick notice that the Board will meet, this day fortnight for the choice of a successor to Mr. Bailey in the Franklin School.

Note. Notice was given accordingly.

Latin Sch. The Chairman laid before the Board a letter from Mr. Gould, Master of the Latin School, in relation to the matters

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embraced in the vote of Nov. 8th. justifying or avoiding the facts implied in that vote, in reference to the holidays in his school; which communication, without any order's having been taken upon it, is on file.

S. Boston Sch. apistant

A communication was read, from Mr. Capen, Master of the South Boston School, relative to the appointment of an assistant instructor, for a part of the year at least; and was Referred to the Committee of that School, to consider and report. Note. The communication enclosed to the Chairman of that Sub Committee.

Secretary's Salary

The Committee on the subject of compensation proposed the following amendment to their report, as accepted on 12th Oct. last; which amendment was adopted:

"The opinion of the Committee as to the term of time for which the salary is to be paid for the present year is for the term of two quarters, ending Dec. 31 of the current year.

Geo. Blake."

Whereupon it was Voted that the above sum be paid out of the Treasury, and that the Chairman draw his order for the same.

Holidays

An order was proposed by the Secretary, for allowing the remaining days of the week after the Annual Thanksgiving as holiday, and dispensing with the Semi-annual exhibition in February and the holidays succeeding the same:- which was referred to Messrs Pierpont, Bassett and Oliver, to consider and report.

Africans Sch. dis.

Voted that the School for African Children, now kept by Mrs. Parkman in Robison's alley be discontinued from and after the 31 Dec. next, and that information of this vote be communicated to Mrs Parkman, by the Secretary.

Note. Copy of vote communicated accordingly.

Voted that the Secretary and Dr. Hayward be a committee to distribute this board into four Divisions for the purpose of visiting the several Grammar Schools, on the day of the ensuing exhibition of the girls.

Adjourned to this day fortnight, 6th Dec. next to meet at half past 3 o'clock P.M.

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Dec. 6

At a meeting of the School Committee held this day pursuant to adjournment, Present The Mayor, aldermen Carney, Bellows, Welsh, and Oliver, and Messrs. Ballou, Blaisdale, Bean, Bradford, Eaton, Hawes, Hayward, Pierpont, Streeter, and Wisner; —

The following Report was read and accepted

Semi annual visits.

The committee, to whom, at the last meeting of this Board, was referred the consideration of a resolve, proposing to alter the present regulations of the School Committee in reference to the Thanksgiving holidays, and the semiannual visitation of the schools in February &c, having considered that subject, ask leave to report, recommending the following order to be passed by the Board.

Ordered that, from and after this time, there shall be a publick exhibition of the girls in the first class of the several publick Grammar and Writing Schools of the city, in the forenoon of the last Tuesday of november annually: That the afternoon of that day, in the Grammar and Writing Schools, and the remainder of the week, after the annual state Thanksgiving in all the schools, be added to the present holidays: — and that the February Visitation of all the publick schools of the city, together with the holidays succeeding the same, be discontinued.

By order of the Committee

Jn°. Pierpont Chairman

Franklin Sch.

The Board proceeded to the choice of a master for the Reading and Grammar department of the Franklin School; and made choice of Mr William J. Adams, first Usher of the English High School, to that office.

Voted that the Secretary be requested to give publick notice that this Board will meet this day fortnight, for the election of an usher for the English High School, in place of Mr. Adams.

Note. Publick notice sent accordingly.

High Sch. for Girls

Messrs Wisner, Bryant, Hayward, and Pierpont were constituted the Sub Committee of the Female High School.

Voted that the Sub Committee of the Female High School be authorized to give publick notice of the time when that school will be open for the examination and admission of candidates, as early as shall be practicable, and at least one fortnight before the opening of the school.

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Dec. 6 Boylston Sch. Usher

The Committee of the Boylston School reported that Mr. Hobbs, Usher in the Writing department of that school having vacated his office in consequence of ill health, they had on the 1 Oct. put Mr Abel Whittier into the place: Whereupon,

Voted that the appointment of Mr Whittier be confirmed.

High Sch. for Girls

A letter from Mr. E. Bailey, relative to the admission of girls that may be more than fifteen years old, into the Female High School, for the first year of the school's operation, was read; and the consideration of it was postponed till a future meeting of the Committee.

Adjourned to Tuesday 20th Inst. 3½ O'Clock P.M.

Dec. 20 At a meeting of the School Committee held this day, pursuant to adjournment, present the Mayor, Aldermen Bellows, Welsh, Marshall, Tileston and Messrs. Bradford, Bean, Dean, Eaton, Farrar, Pierpont, Streeter and Wiener.—

Latin Sch usher transferred to Eng. High Sch.

Voted that Mr Edmund P. LeBreton be transferred from the Latin School, where he is now in the service of the city as usher, to the English High School, to fill the place of Mr Adams, master elect of the Franklin Grammar School; and that the salary of Mr LeBreton continue the same as if he had remained in the Latin School.

Voted that Mr Adams and Mr LeBreton enter upon their respective duties, on Monday, 26th instant, and that the Comm.ee of the Franklin and E.B. Schools be present on that occasion.

Voted that the salary of Mr Bailey as master of the Girls' High School, and that of Mr Adams as master of the Franklin School be reckoned from the first day of January next; and that their present salaries be continued respectively till that time.

Children not qualified

A Report of the chairman in regard to children excluded from the publick Schools by the present regulations, together with a catalogues of children who are in this predicament, was referred to the consideration of the School Committee for the ensuing year.

Robinson's arithmetic

On motion of Mr Bean, Voted that Robinson's Arithmetick be referred to the Committee on Books, to consider the expediency of introducing it into the publick Schools.—

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Dec. 20 Voted, that, at the examination of girls for admission to the High School, the master be instructed to consider the second monday of the present month as the day when the rule, admitting candidates not under eleven nor over fifteen years of age, shall begin its operation.

Adjourned, sine die

Board of School Committee
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Josiah Quincy, Mayor, Chairman.
Aldermen, Daniel Carney,
John Bellows,
Josiah Marshall,
Thomas Welsh Jr.
Henry J. Oliver,
John A. Loring,
Francis Jackson,
Edward H. Robbins.
Ward No. 1. Mr Silas Bleisdale,
2 Redford Webster,
3 Horace Bean,
4 Asa Eaton,
5 Samuel Barrett,
6 John B. Davis,
7 Alden Bradford,
8 Benj.n B. Wisner,
9 Bradford Sumner,
10 George Hayward,
11 John Pierpont,
12 Prince L. Hayes.

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13. Jan.y At a meeting of the School Committee, held this day, at 10 o'clock A.M. in the mayor and Aldermen's room, the Board was called to order by the Mayor as Chairman: Present, The Mayor, Aldermen Carney, Bellows, Marshall, Oliver, Loring, Jackson and Robbins,

1826 and Messrs. Bradford, Barrett, Bean, Blaisdale, Davis, Hay-
13 Jan.y ward, Harris, Pierpont, Sumner, Webster and Wisner.

The meeting was organized by the choice of Mr. Pierpont Secretary, and the Board was distributed into sub committees as follows.

Sub-Committees for 1826

Latin School
Messrs Quincy,
Hayward,
Davis,
Barrett.

Eng. High School,
Messrs Bradford.
Welsh
Pierpont
Wisner.

High School for Girls,
Messrs Pierpont.
Bellows.
Hayward,
Wisner.

Eliot School
Messrs Blaisdale,
Webster,
Marshall

Hancock School,
Messrs Eaton,
Oliver,
Blaisdale.

Mayhew School
Messrs Welsh
Oliver
Davis

Bowdoin School,
Messrs Eaton,
Bradford,
Harris.

Boylston School
Messrs Sumner
Bean
Robbins

Adams School,
Messrs Bellows,
Sumner
Loring

Franklin School
Messrs Hayward
Carney
Webster

South Boston School,
Messrs Barrett
Carney
Jackson

African School
Messrs Quincy
Loring
Bean.

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Voted that the Schools instituted for the instruction of the female children of the city in the higher departments of science and literature, be called "The High School for Girls."

Voted that the Secretary be authorized to procure a sufficient number of lists of the School Committee, as distributed into sub-committees to be printed for the use of this Board, and that there be appended to said lists, a copy of the regulations of the School Committee, in relation to the duties of Sub-Committees.

Sch. houses

Voted that Messrs Davis and Hayward be the Committee for the year, to confer with such committees as may be appointed by the City Council, for the purpose of building, altering or repairing School-houses.

Voted that the appointment of the Examining Committee be deferred to the month of May.

Franklin Sch.

Voted that the masters and scholars of the Franklin School, be removed, on next monday, from the house now occupied by that School in Common Street, to the new School-house on Washington Street.

Voted that the whole Committee be requested to attend, on the occasion of this removal, at the new School House, at 10 o'clock A.M. and that, in conformity to usage, the new House be consecrated by prayer to the service to which it is devoted.

Children too old

Voted that the subject of providing for the instruction of children, too old for the primary schools and not qualified for admission to the Grammar schools, - which subject was referred to this Board by the Committee of last year, - be referred to Messrs. Bradford, Robbins, Davis, Barrett, and Webster, with a request that they will consider the subject and report at the next meeting.

Voted that the business of making alterations and other arrangements for the accommodation of the High School for girls, be referred to the Sub Committee of that School.

A letter was laid before the Board, from the Secretary of the Primary School Committee, communicating a nomination of the following gentlemen, as a committee of Primary Schools for the present year. Whereupon it was Voted that the said nomination be approved.

Meeting adjourned sine die.

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Committee of Primary Schools for 1826.

District

No. 1. Henry Fowle Jr.
William Barry Jr.
William Knapp
Ephraim Milton
Jn.° Fenno Jun.r
Charles Lincoln Jr.
Sebastian Streeter

No. 2. John Jarvis Jr.
Sam.l Pilsbury
Isaac T. Dupee
William Sever
Ezekiel Jones
Joseph Lewis

No. 3. Reuben Richards Jr.
Fred.k T. Gray
Moses Grant
Thomas Wells
George Domett
John Clarke
Daniel Noyes
Samson Reed
George Lee
Samuel Hore

No. 4. Daniel Henchman
Lewis G. Pray
Calvin Washburn
John P. Spooner
Richard Ward
Thomas Power
Thomas Wiley

No. 5. Zabdiel B. Adams
Isaac Mansfield
Abiel Chandler
Francis C. Watts
William Brown
William T. Andrews
Isaac P. Osgood
William T. Eustis
Joshua P. Blanchard
Charles Stoddard

No. 6. Benjamin A. Gould
Samuel Davis
Enoch Hale Jr.,
James Bowdoin
John Lowell Jr.n
Geo. B. Emerson

No. 6 Continued.
Gerard Hallock

No. 7. Jerry Fairbanks
Stephen Fairbanks
Samuel Capen
William Taylor Jr.
Bela Hunting
Adam Bent
Henry Hatch
William B. Dorr
Francis Jackson

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14 Feb'y

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee, held this day, at the Mayor's room; Present The Mayor, Messrs. Bellows, Bradford, Barrett, Blaisdale, Davis, Loring, Jackson, Marshall, Oliver, Pierpont and Wisner,

Children too old.

The committee to whom was referred, at the last meeting, the subject of providing means of instruction for such children as are too old for the primary, and too ignorant for the Grammar schools;- reported, recommending an application to the City Council for means to establish one school or more for children of the above description;- which report was accepted. Whereupon

Voted that the Secretary transmit the said report to the Mayor, to be by him submitted to the City Council for consideration.

Sweeping Sch.

Voted that Messrs Davis, Wisner, and Barrett be a committee to inquire into the usages of the several publick schools, in relation to sweeping the school-houses and attending to fires in the same, and to report to the board, suggesting some uniform course in the premises, to be adopted by all the schools.

Voted that the several Chairmen of the Sub-Committees of the respective schools, be requested to inform the chairman of the above committee, what is the course now followed, in the premises, each in this particular school.

4th Classes

Voted that Messrs Pierpont, Wisner, and Bradford be a committee to take into their consideration the question whether there may not be profitably introduced some alteration in the manner of instructing the fourth class of the several publick Grammar and Writing schools, as well as in the studies pursued, and the books used by that class.

Latin Sch.

Voted that the Mayor be authorized to loan to the City, on such terms as he may be able and shall judge expedient, a sum, - about three hundred dollars - raised by subscription, as a fund for supplying medals or other premiums, for such boys, in the Latin School, as distinguish themselves in declamation.

Adjourned sine die

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Feb'y. 21. At a meeting of the School Committee held this day, at the mayor and aldermen's room, present The Mayor, Aldermen Bellows, Marshall, Welsh, Loring, Oliver and Jackson and Messrs. Eaton, Blaisdale, Hawes, Hayward, Barrett, Pierpont and Wisner;

High Sch. for Girls. After some desultory conversation upon the regulations adopted heretofore in regard to the High School for girls, and the principles upon which candidates shall be admitted to that school, on the examination for admission, which according to publick notice is to begin tomorrow, the following motion was submitted by Rev. Mr. Wisner, and it was

Voted that the Sub-Committee of the High School for girls be instructed to examine all the candidates who shall present themselves, agreeably to the notification already published, and report to this committee on Tuesday next, the names, ages, and standing of all whom they shall find duly qualified for admission agreeably to the regulations heretofore adopted; that this Committee may determine what classes of them shall be admitted".

Meeting adjourned to Tuesday next, at 3 o'Clock P. M.

Feb. 28 At a meeting of the School Committee, held this day, according to adjournment, the chairman read a letter from

Robinson's arithmetic James Robinson, master of the Writing department of the Boys' Latin school, asking the attention of the Committee to his Arithmetic. On motion of Mr. Bradford, Voted that a committee be raised to consider the expediency of making an alteration in the books now used in the public schools for teaching Arithmetic, or in the manner of giving instruction in the same, with authority to recommend to this board such book or system as they may deem most proper and useful.

Books Committee Messrs Bradford, Wisner, Hayward.

Worcester's Geography referred to the same Committee.

Ink Voted that messrs. Oliver and Davis be a committee to take into consideration the subject of supplying the several public schools of the city with ink, and to report upon the same.

High Sch. for Girls. The Sub. Committee of the High School for Girls made the following report on the subject of the examination of candidates for that school, and the principles on which they should

1826 Feb. 28 be admitted; which was accepted.

Report.

The Sub-committee of the High school for Girls beg leave to report that they have attended to the duties assigned them by the vote of the School Committee passed on the 21 Inst. in relation to the examination of applicants for admission to said School.

During the whole of Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of the last week, two of your committee, and a part of the time three, attended, with the master of said school, to the business of conducting the examination, which was finished by the master on Saturday. The whole number of applicants, all of whom were examined, was 286. Of these, 37 were between the ages of eleven and twelve; 69 between 12 and 13; 72 between 13 and 14; 94 between 14 and 15; and 14 over 15, having reached that age since the public exhibition of the female department of the grammar schools in November last.

The applicants were examined in reading prose and verse, in English Grammar, in Geography, in arithmetick, and in writing; and 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4, or 1½, 2½, or 3½ was put opposite the name of each candidate, under each of these heads of examination; and then the figures found opposite each name were added together. The result was as follows: one had opposite her name, 0; one had 1; one had 2½ one had 3, five had 3½; one had 4; one had 4½; four had 5, four had 5½; five had 6; six had 6½; six had 7; five had 7½; seven had 8; twelve had 8½; thirteen had nine; five had 9½; nine had 10; eight had 10½; nine had 11; nine had 11½; fourteen had 12; seven had 12½; seventeen had 13; thirteen had 13½; eleven had 14; nine had 14½; fourteen had 15; ten had 15½; fourteen had 16; eight had 16½; nineteen had seventeen; six had 17½; fourteen had 18; seven had 18½; eight had 19; one had 19½; and one had 20.

In view of the whole case, your committee, after careful consideration, beg leave to ~~adopt~~ recommend the adoption of the following as the principles which shall determine the admission, from these applicants, of the scholars for whom accommodations have been provided; viz; That all between eleven and twelve years of age be stricken from the list of applicants; and that, of the remainder, all who have received the number 13½ or upwards, shall be admitted as members of the school for the present year.

All which is respectfully submitted,

By order of the Sub-committee of the High school for girls

Jno. J. Pierpont Chairman.

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On motion of Dr. Hayward, it was Voted that no scholar shall be admitted into the High School for girls who is not twelve years of age; and that no one shall be allowed to continue there beyond the year on which she may have entered, after she has arrived at the age of sixteen years, and that no one shall be permitted to remain at the school for a longer period than three years.

Voted that the Sub-Committee of the High School for Girls be authorized to open that school on Thursday next, at 9 o'clock A.M. with such religious services or other ceremonies as are usual on similar occasions.

Meeting adjourned sine die.

The History of the origin and establishment of the High School for Girls, which was opened on Thursday, 2d March, by an address by Rev. Mr Wisner, to the whole number of candidates who had been examined, (assembled at the school house to learn the result of the examination; and, after the result had been made known and the unsuccessful candidates had withdrawn;) and by an address to the members of the school by the Chairman of the Sub-Committee, which he followed by a prayer;— may be learned from the following account, compiled by the Master of the school, from the records of the School Committee, reports of special committees on file, and other documents in relation to the same subject.

1826

HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

This school is intended to supply a deficiency in the provisions for public instruction in this city, which has been long felt and regretted. The English High School has been in successful operation, since 1821; and the satisfactory result of this experiment, prepared the way for the establishment of the High School for Girls. Our system of public schools, for the instruction of *boys*, may be pronounced complete; and the liberal manner in which it is supported, is equally honourable and beneficial to the city. It is no exaggeration to say, that every boy in Boston, whatever may be the character and condition of his parents, may receive a thorough course of instruction,—not only in the lower and more common branches of knowledge, but also in classical literature and the sciences,—in the schools supported at the public expense; and that he may acquire in them an education, as valuable, at least, as can be acquired at many respectable colleges in our country,—an education both *liberal* and *practical*, which will well fit him for the active duties of life.

While they, to whom the superintendence of the public schools is committed, have been assiduously and successfully labouring to elevate the character and extend the usefulness of these schools, the interesting subject of *female education* has neither been overlooked nor neglected. Many important and salutary improvements have been introduced into this department of the system. With new motives for diligent exertions in their studies, the girls have found themselves in possession of more equal advantages in the Grammar schools. Still, it must be granted, that the public provisions for their instruction, have been less liberal and complete, than for that of the boys. The disparity, in this particular, has evidently been too great. Four months in the year they are excluded, very properly it is true, from the Grammar schools; and beyond these schools the city has hitherto taken no care of their education. This has been regarded as a defect by all, who know any thing of the influence of females upon the manners and habits of society, both in a moral and intellectual point of view, and who justly appreciate the importance of educating them well, that their influence may be exerted, with full efficacy, on the side of virtue and refinement. Parents, especially, who have wished their daughters to prosecute their studies further than the nature and the arrangements of the Grammar schools will permit, have deeply felt the want of an institution, where instruction in the higher branches of education might be obtained. There is no want of private schools, of this description; but the necessary expense of these, closes them against many, whose daughters would be ornaments to any family or any society.

The motives which influenced the authorities of the city to institute the High School for Girls, the general principles upon which it is to be organized and conducted, and the branches of education to be pursued, may be learned from the following interesting documents, extracted from the records of the School Committee. It is a consideration highly gratifying to the friends of the institution, that the various measures, relative to its establishment, have been attended with a unanimity almost unprecedented.

At a meeting of the School Committee, held May 10. 1825, on motion of the secretary, it was

Voted, That a committee be raised to consider the expediency and practicability of establishing a public school for the instruction of *girls* in the higher departments of science and literature, and to report upon the same to this board.

Voted, That this committee consist of Messrs. Welsh, Pierpont, Bassett, and Hayward.

At a meeting of the board, held June 22. the report of this committee was read, and *unanimously* accepted.

Extracts from the Report.

"The committee, appointed to consider the expediency and practicability of instituting a school for the instruction of the female children of this city, in the higher departments of science and literature, have had under their consideration the matter referred to them, and ask leave to report to this board;

That your committee have construed the terms in which the subject has been referred to them, as inviting their attention, in the first place, to the *expediency*, and in the second, to the *practicability*, of the measure proposed.

In the first place, in regard to the *general* expediency of placing women, in respect to education, upon ground, if not equal, at least bearing a near and an honourable relation, to that of men, in any community, your committee think that no doubt can, at this day, be entertained by those who consider the weight of female influence in society, in every stage of moral and intellectual advancement; and especially by those who consider the paramount and abiding influence of mothers upon every successive generation of men, during the earliest years of their life, and those years in which so much, or so little, is done, towards forming moral character, and giving the mind a direction and an impulse towards usefulness and happiness in after life. As to the *general* expediency, then, of giving women such an education as shall make them fit wives for well educated men, and enable them to exert a salutary influence upon the rising generation, as there can be no doubts, your committee will use no arguments at this board; but will confine themselves to the *particular* expediency of provision for a higher education of our daughters, at the public expense.

And your committee think favourably of making an effort to this end, for the following reasons which are particular, as well as for the many reasons which are more general in their nature.

In the first place, it would render more efficient, and, consequently, more profitable to the city, the provision which has already been made for the public education of its daughters.

As our public Grammar schools are now constituted, some of the finest scholars in the girls' department are seen in the first class, at the age of eleven or twelve years, by the side of girls of fourteen or fifteen years old, who have been rather tolerated in the first class, either from courtesy to their age, or from pity to their unsuccessful efforts, than entitled to a place there, on the score of their good scholarship. As the class must, on the present system of organization, move on together, the former are continually held in check, that the latter may keep in their company; and, as the masters have neither time nor authority to go with them into higher studies, it is easy to see, what is of every day's occurrence, that the more sprightly girls find it difficult to fill up their hours profitably to themselves; and are in constant danger of falling into habits of inattention, and mental dissipation; a danger which now presses upon them for two or three of the last years that they are allowed their seats in the public schools. Now, by the school proposed, this evil, which is a very serious one, would be obviated. The same field would be opened in this school, for the girls, as has, for a few years, been so successfully opened in the English High School, for the boys in the Grammar schools. An object would be presented of honourable ambition, and of lively competition, to the misses who are now condemned to two, and sometimes three years, very inadequately and unprofitably employed; and those indolent habits of mind might be avoided, which it is so much more easy to prevent than to correct.

Secondly, the school contemplated seems to your committee to be particularly expedient for this city, in respect to the impulse that would be given by it to the whole machinery of our public instruction, through the medium of the *Primary schools*.

These schools are daily gaining the confidence of the community, and, consequently, are daily furnishing a greater and greater proportion of the children to our Grammar schools. Of course, it is of continually increasing importance that these *first* schools should be taught by those who are themselves well educated. They are, and probably will be, taught exclusively by women; and it is doing no injustice to the city, or to the gentlemen who so faithfully superintend these schools, to say, that they are not always able to find women qualified as they ought to be, to take charge of these very interesting public institutions. A school like that now in contemplation, would certainly and permanently furnish teachers for the Primary schools, competent in every respect to render the city efficient service; and especially in this respect, that they will have gained, by their own experience, a thorough knowledge of our whole system of public instruction, and the relations of its several parts to each other. Thus, the city will insure to itself a greater excellence and uniformity in the Primary schools, than is possible at present, and be always able to recur to its own resources, to meet its own wants;—exhibiting thus, in morals—what has been so long a desideratum in mechanics—a piece of machinery that, by its own operation, produces the power by which itself is driven.

Thirdly, your committee think a school such as is proposed, particularly expedient to this city, in regard to the experiment that might be made in it, of the practicability and usefulness of *monitorial or mutual instruction;* or, at least, of so much of that system as *on experiment* would be found to accord with the genius and habits of our community. That *something* of this system might be introduced into all our public schools, to the benefit of the schools and to the pecuniary advantage of the city, your committee can hardly doubt. One experiment has been made, and made successfully. But there were considerations which prevented the carrying of that system up from the school in which it was tried, into the higher public schools. The same system, with some qualifications, has been under successful experiment in a subscription school, composed of the daughters of our most respectable families; and your

committee are persuaded that, under the control of a master of judgement and genius, so much of that system might be profitably introduced into a female High School, as would prove to the public in this city, that the same might be carried into our *Grammar* and *Reading* schools, at least, to great advantage. At any rate, a *satisfactory experiment* might be made. Should it fail, as it hardly can, the city will lose nothing but the time and comparatively trifling expense of making it; and should it succeed, the city will secure to itself the better instruction of one third more children than are now instructed, and at probably one third less expense.

Your committee are not sure that it falls within the spirit of their commission to present a statement of the studies which should be pursued in the proposed institution. But, without attempting a particular statement, or a definite arrangement, of the studies,—leaving that duty to a future committee, should the city think favourably of the project,—your committee would beg leave to recommend, in general, that in the female High School should be taught reading; writing words and sentences from dictation; English grammar, embracing frequent exercises in the composition, transposition, and resolution of sentences; composition, to be taught systematically, and to be a regular exercise in all the classes; rhetoric; geography, ancient and modern, embracing the use of maps and globes; elements of geometry, so far as is necessary to the construction of maps, and to the study of natural philosophy; arithmetic, intellectual and written; book-keeping by single entry; general history; history of Greece, Rome, England, and the United States; natural philosophy, with as much of chemistry as would be useful in domestic economy; moral philosophy; natural theology; and astronomy.

Of these studies, however, your committee would recommend that some be *required*, and others only *permitted*, as tokens of merit and incitements to industry; thus opening, in this school, what this is intended to open to all the Grammar schools of the city, a course of higher instruction, as an object of honourable emulation, and the most unexceptionable reward of industry.

Having spoken thus of the general character of the school, and of the considerations which, in their opinion, render the establishment of it particularly expedient, your committee would, in the second place, state briefly their views of the practicability of establishing it.

To this there can be but one objection,—that of *expense*. But your committee are persuaded that this is not an insuperable obstacle to the effecting of an object, which seems to be so important to the best interests, and to one of the most cherished objects, of the citizens of Boston,—their system of public education. Indeed, *in this respect*, the present seems to be an auspicious moment; and, on close examination, the school will not be so expensive, as it might, at first, be supposed. For, in respect to *a house*, no new one would be required, for the first year, at least, of the school's operation."

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"In regard to the other source of expense, that of teachers; this, also, it is believed, will be less formidable than may be apprehended. It is intended, indeed, to place the master of this school, in respect to his salary, upon a level with the respective masters of the Latin and English High Schools. But for the first year, certainly, the master is to be the only instructer recognised by the city; and, as it is intended to conduct the school, in a degree at least, upon the system of mutual instruction, the ratio between the number of teachers and of scholars will always be much less than in either of the schools last mentioned.

But, in regard to the expense at which the contemplated school is to be instituted and sustained, your committee think the same remark may be made of this, as of all our other public schools. *When liberally supported, they more than support themselves.* They are a source, not of honour only, but of pecuniary profit, to the city; for, taking into view—as an enlightened policy does take into view—the whole period during which these institutions exert their influence upon the community, they more than indemnify the city for the expense of their maintenance, in that the knowledge they diffuse through the great mass of the population, throws open new and wider fields to enterprise, gives higher aims to ingenuity, and supplies more profitable objects to industry.

For these reasons in particular, as well as for those of a more general nature, which cannot fail to suggest themselves to the minds of the gentlemen at this board, your committee are of opinion that it is expedient and practicable to institute a public school, for the instruction of the female children of the city, in the higher branches of science and literature, and accordingly recommend to this board the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Mayor, as chairman of the School Committee, be requested to lay this report before the City Council, and ask of that honourable body the appropriation of two thousand dollars for the present year, to carry into effect the object herein proposed.

THOMAS WELSH, Jr. for the committee."

Extracts from the report of a joint committee of the City Council, read and accepted in the board of Aldermen, August 22. 1825.

"The committee appointed on the 25. ult. to take into consideration the report of the School Committee on the subject of a High School for *females*, upon the plan of 'monitorial or mutual instruction,' report;

That they have given this interesting subject the consideration, which its importance seemed to demand; and that your committee are persuaded, that it will be greatly for the interest and honour of the city, to establish the proposed female school upon the plan reported by a sub-committee, and accepted in the School Committee, on the 22d. June last; and your committee recommend that suitable measures be taken to establish the said school, with as little delay as possible."

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"In regard to the resolution of the City Council, on the 25. ult. directing your committee to consider and report upon the expediency of introducing the system of 'monitorial or mutual instruction' into all the Grammar schools of the city,—your committee have duly considered the subject, and are of the opinion that any immediate or sudden change in the system of instruction at present pursued, would be attended with many important difficulties, and have the tendency to put at hazard the high reputation which our public schools have so justly acquired. If the female school, now proposed, should be successful, the other schools would gradually, and very naturally, fall into this system, if found, on experiment, to be the best. Your committee are, therefore, of the opinion that it is inexpedient to make the change suggested, for the present.

Respectfully submitted.

Per order of the committee, J. BELLOWS."

The following report was read and accepted in the Common Council, Sept. 26.

"THE committee, to whom were referred a communication from the School Committee, recommending the establishment of a High School for females, and the report of a joint committee of the City Council on that subject, and who have also been directed to consider the expediency of introducing the monitorial system of instruction into all the Grammar schools in this city, respectfully report;

That your committee think it expedient that a High School for females be established, pursuant to the recommendation of the School Committee, and that the City Council adopt the resolve, accompanying this report, appropriating for that object the sum of two thousand dollars, for the present year.

The School Committee advise that this school for females should be conducted on the system of monitorial or mutual instruction, which your committee highly approve.—Being a new school, this system of instruction may be introduced into it, without causing any of the inconveniences which might possibly arise in a long established school, from a sudden and entire change in the whole system of instruction and discipline.—This mode of instruction will be peculiarly appropriate in the High School for females, inasmuch as many, who will attend it, will not only acquire there an education for themselves, but will also learn the art of teaching others.—All the instructers of the Primary schools are females; and it cannot be doubted that, hereafter, many of them will be selected from those taught at the female High School.

So far as the public have been able to become acquainted with the monitorial system of instruction in this city, it is believed that they have every reason to be well satisfied with it; and if further evidence as to its usefulness be necessary, the present appears to be a suitable opportunity for obtaining it.

With regard to the expediency of immediately introducing the monitorial system of instruction into all the Grammar schools in the city,—highly as your committee think of that system,—we cannot but doubt whether so important a change should be made suddenly, and to the extent proposed.

Such is the present state of our public schools, that no material injury can result from delaying, for a while, the abandonment of the present system of instruction for another; which, while we believe it will be found more useful and less expensive than the present system, ought perhaps to be more thoroughly tested before being universally adopted.—And your committee believe that we may very safely rely on the intelligence and vigilance of the School Committee, that this system of instruction will be recommended by them; and we doubt not that it will be adopted, as soon as may be, with advantage to the public.

We, therefore, deem it inexpedient, at this time, to extend the system of monitorial or mutual instruction into all the Grammar schools in the city.

J. R. ADAN, for the committee."

CITY OF BOSTON.—*Common Council*, Sept. 26. 1825.

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of establishing a High School for females, pursuant to a report accepted by the School Committee on the twenty-second day of June last, and communi-

cated to the City Council,—which school shall be located in such place as the School Committee shall designate.

This resolve, being twice read, passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

FRANCIS J. OLIVER, President.

In the board of Aldermen, Oct. 10. 1825.

Read and concurred.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The preceding documents exhibit the views of the different departments of the city government, in establishing the High School for Girls, and the general principles upon which it is to be organized and conducted. Without confining the instructer to any prescribed system, they authorize him to introduce *monitorial instruction*, so far as it may be found profitable and expedient. The application of this principle in a school devoted exclusively to the higher branches of education, must be very much a thing of experiment. There is no precedent applicable in every respect. The pupils are not to be initiated, from their earliest childhood, into the mysteries of mutual instruction; but are to be received, at an advanced age, and after they have been taught, in the old manner, in all the common branches of an English education. It would have been impracticable to prescribe the details of a system applicable to such a school; and they have been judiciously left to be determined by experience.

The following extracts from the report of a committee, consisting of Messrs. Quincy, Blake, Hayward, Pierpont and Bean, exhibit the course of instruction to be pursued in the school, and the general regulations for its government. The report was accepted at a meeting of the School Committee, held Oct. 26. 1825.

"The committee on the subject of the establishment of a higher school for female children, have had under their consideration, the matter referred to them, and ask leave to report:

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"Among the points necessary to be considered in the organization of the school in question, the following have presented themselves to your committee; viz.—the qualifications for admission to the school; first, in regard to age, and secondly, in regard to literary attainments; the time which the course of studies shall occupy; the order in which the studies shall be pursued; the time for the annual opening of the school; the hours of attendance upon its duties; the time to be allowed as holidays; the place where the school shall first be opened; the number of scholars for which accommodations shall at first be provided; and the time for the annual exhibitions of the school.

Upon these points, your committee would propose that the candidates for admission to this school shall be *eleven*, and not more than *fifteen* years of age; allowance, in particular cases, to be made according to the discretion of the School Committee; that they shall be admitted on examination in those studies, which are pursued in the public Grammar schools of the city; and that the examination may be strict or otherwise, as the number of candidates shall hold relation to the accommodations provided for them:—

That the *course of studies* in this, as in the English High School, shall be calculated to occupy *three years*:—

That, in pursuance of the suggestion of the original report on this subject, some studies shall be *required* of all the scholars, and others *allowed* as evidences of honourable proficiency, and as motives to higher efforts; and that the following be the studies of the school, according to the order in which they shall be pursued, until otherwise ordered by the School Committee.

FIRST YEAR.

Required: No. 1. Reading—2. Spelling—3. Writing words and sentences from dictation—4. English grammar, with exercises in the the same—5. Composition—6. Modern and ancient geography—7. Intellectual and written arithmetic—8. Rhetoric—9. History of the United States.

Allowed: Logic, or botany.

SECOND YEAR.

Required: Nos. 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, continued—10. Book-keeping by single entry—11. Elements of geometry—12. Natural philosophy—13. General history—14. History of England—15. Paley's Natural Theology.

Allowed: Logic, botany, demonstrative geometry, algebra, Latin, or French.

THIRD YEAR.

Required: Nos. 1, 5, 12, 15, continued—16. Astronomy—17. Treatise on the globes—18. Chemistry—19. History of Greece—20. History of Rome—21. Paley's Moral Philosophy—22. Paley's Evidences of Christianity.

Allowed: Logic, algebra, principles of perspective, projection of maps, botany, Latin, or French.

The *allowed* studies are to be pursued at the discretion of the master, with the sanction of the School Committee.

The school shall be opened on the second Monday of December annually. Candidates for admission shall be examined on the Friday and Saturday preceding the first Monday of that month.

The hours of attendance upon the duties of the school, shall be as follows. From the first Monday in April to the first Monday in October, from 8 to 12 A. M. and from 3 to 6 P. M.—and from the first Monday in October to the first Monday in April, from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M.

The holidays shall be the same as in the Latin and English High Schools; excepting that Wednesday afternoon shall be substituted for Thursday afternoon—and that the time between the last Thursday of November and the second Monday of December, shall be substituted for the week succeeding the Commencement at Cambridge.

Accommodations shall be provided for 120 scholars, at least; and for more, if the room will allow it.

The annual public exhibition of the school shall be on the day after the public exhibition of the girls in the several Grammar schools of the city, to wit, on the last Thursday of November annually, in the forenoon.

Respectfully submitted for the committee, and by their order.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Chairman."

At a meeting of the School Committee, held January 13. 1826, it was

Voted, That the school instituted for the instruction of the female children of the city, in the higher departments of literature and science, shall be called *The High School for Girls.*

Attest, JNO. PIERPONT, Secretary.

The examination of candidates for admission into this school, was commenced on Wednesday, Feb. 22. by the sub-committee and Master, and continued through the three following days. The result was reported in numbers, *without the names of the candidates*, to the general board of the School Committee, where the principle of admission was determined. The duties assigned the examining committee, were equally delicate and laborious. Where so many were interested, where the respective claims of so many were to be ascertained and balanced, and where so many *must* inevitably be disappointed, they could hardly hope, with all their patience and impartiality, to give universal satisfaction. It is an ungracious office to discriminate between those whose attainments are nearly equal; especially where the decision is a matter of deep interest and concernment to the parties. In very many instances, too, on account of the delicacy and timidity natural to the age and sex of the candidates, in circumstances at once so novel and so trying, it required not a little address and perseverance, to ascertain, in a satisfactory degree, their respective attainments. After all, it cannot be supposed that exact and equal justice has been rendered to every individual; but it is certain that the committee laboured, with untiring patience, faithfully to discharge the arduous duties, with which they had been intrusted.

The whole number of candidates examined was 286: of these there were 37 between *eleven* and *twelve* years of age, 69 between *twelve* and *thirteen*, 72 between *thirteen* and *fourteen*, 94 between *fourteen* and *fifteen*, and 14 who have attained the age of *fifteen*, since the second Monday of last December, and who were entitled to an examination as candidates, by a vote of the School Committee. It is to be regretted that the benefits of the school could not be offered to all, properly qualified for admission, of an age even more advanced; as they have had no previous opportunity, however well disposed, to avail themselves of similar advantages. But this was thought inexpedient, as the rooms appropriated to the use of the school could be made to accommodate but a limited number; and more extensive accommodations could not be provided, without an expense of time and money, which the experiment might not justify.

The candidates were examined in Reading, English Grammar, Geography, Arithmetic and Writing; and in all these branches the examination was critical and thorough. Every individual was questioned in each of these studies, until the place in a scale previously fixed upon, to which her attainments entitled her, was ascertained with as much precision as the nature of the case admitted. In the opinion of the committee, only 135 of the whole number examined, were qualified for admission; and it was thought that the remainder might pass at least another year, profitably in the Grammar schools. All these were, therefore, received; although 122 was the greatest number that had been contemplated, and for which arrangements had been made. The scholars received into the school, were admitted on the principle of *general scholarship*. It is true, many have been excluded, whose attainments were very creditable both to themselves and their teachers; but their privileges have only been suspended, for a few months, not taken from them. In the mean time, the Grammar schools will be open for their reception, where they may perfect themselves in those studies in which they were found most deficient.

A regret has been expressed, that it was found inexpedient to extend the benefits of the High School for Girls, to those who were more than fifteen years of age. Females are permitted to retain their seats in the public Grammar schools, until the next annual exhibition after they shall have attained this age, and no longer. It is conceived that they might pass at least another year at school, profitably to themselves and beneficially to the community; for the

community is benefitted whenever any one of its members, however humble, makes a new acquisition in useful knowledge. It is not the policy of our institutions to furnish parents with an opportunity of sending their children to school for a given period, merely for the name of the thing, or to comply with the requisitions of the Statute-book. They have nobler views and higher aims. They are founded and supported on principles of liberal economy, and contemplate a *good* rather than a *cheap* education. The public is interested that every individual acquire that degree of intellectual advancement precisely, which may best fit him for the duties of his station, and for the various offices of a good citizen. Such is the spirit which pervades the provisions for public instruction in this city; and it is in accordance with the spirit of those institutions established by the *Pilgrim Fathers*. All agree that the money is well invested, which a parent judiciously expends for the education of his children. The same is true in a community. It is repaid, a hundred-fold, by the increased intelligence and enterprise of its members. Leaving out of the question the higher considerations of moral and intellectual excellence, both as regards individual character and the true dignity of the public, there can be no doubt that *economy* is most effectually studied, in the matter of juvenile education, by a generous and enlightened liberality. The community, that thoroughly educates all its children, obtains in morals, what Archimedes desired in physicks; and if it cannot *raise* the world, it may, at least, control its most valuable resources. The influence of well-educated women may be less direct, but it is neither less abiding nor less beneficial, than that exerted by enlightened men: for to them is left, in a great measure, the office of developing the faculties of infancy; and they give, in various ways, an impulse and direction to the character of youth, and habits of manhood.

It has already been stated that thirty-seven candidates were examined, who were under the age of twelve. As scholars will not be permitted to continue members of the school more than three years, this seems to be too early an age for them to enter: it was, therefore, determined, at a meeting of the School Committee, held Feb. 28. that no scholar shall be admitted, hereafter, into the High School for Girls, who is not *twelve* years of age; and also that no one shall be allowed to continue there, beyond the next annual exhibition after she shall have arrived at the age of *sixteen* years.

In many respects, this institution is an experiment; and it cannot be fairly tested, without patient and laborious exertions. A free school for the instruction of females, founded on principles so liberal, is in itself a novelty; but such a novelty argues well for the spirit and improvement of the age, and of the community wherein it is fostered. Although the correct literary education of females is no longer regarded as a subject of comparatively little, or even of secondary importance; this is, perhaps, the first school, established by the public care and supported at the public expense, in which they may receive a systematical course of instruction in the higher departments of literature and science. Much depends, therefore, on the success of this experiment; and it is confidently hoped that the public may not be disappointed in their expectations. It will not be supposed that a school of more than a *hundred and thirty* scholars, who have been accustomed to almost every variety of instruction and discipline to be found in the public and private schools of the city, can be organized on principles with which they are wholly unacquainted, and put into complete and successful operation, at its very commencement, by a single instructer. Much time will be required to ascertain, with any considerable degree of accuracy, the respective powers and attainments of such a number of pupils, whose studies have been widely different, not only in the books used, but also in their order of succession. If the indulgence be granted, which these circumstances seem to demand, there can be no doubt that the success of the school will fully meet all the reasonable hopes and wishes of its friends.

An account of the peculiarities in the plan of government and instruction to be adopted, will not now be expected. The arrangements of the school, in these respects, are not yet fully matured. Indeed, as the spirit of improvement is at work in the business of education, with unprecedented earnestness and success, it is hoped that many valuable alterations may be introduced, from time to time, and incorporated into the method of teaching to be pursued; for it is the part of wisdom to neglect no suggestion, really useful and valuable, under whatever name or as a component part of whatever system, it may come before the world.

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7 April. At a meeting of the School Committee, held this day at the Mayor's room; in consequence of representations made by the masters of the crowded state of the Franklin and Adams schools, it was

Franklin & Adams Schs. Voted that Messrs Oliver, Hayward, and Loring, be a committee to inquire into the state of facts relative to the number of scholars belonging to the Franklin and the Adams schools, and the accommodations that are, or that may be, furnished them in their respective school houses; and to suggest to this board such means as may occur to them, of relieving either or both of those schools of the scholars, if there be found any, for whom seats are not provided.

Schs. houses Voted that the same Committee be requested to report to this Board the capacity of the several houses now occupied by the Grammar and Writing schools of the city; stating what number of scholars they will severally accommodate, and what number they might be made to accommodate, by any alteration that might be made of the rooms, within the present walls of the houses; — and that the committee be requested to report on the premises, at the adjourned meeting of this Board.

Glover On a memorial of Stephen Glover, praying that one of his domesticks might be permitted to attend the Boylston Grammar School out of the regular hours of attendance, it was Voted that it is inexpedient to depart from the general regulations of the school on that subject.

Ap. Schs. Ink On the application of Mr. Bascom, master of the African School that an allowance might be made him for ink furnished by him for the use of the school, it was Voted that, on that account the master be allowed eight dollars for the present year.

The following resolve was submitted by the Sub-Committee of the High School for Girls, and was passed, Nem. con.

High Sch. for Girls "The Sub-committee of the High School for girls, having at the opening of that school, admitted six candidates between the ages of eleven and twelve years, who had been examined and approved under the regulations of 26 Oct.

1826 last, though not embraced by the vote of 28th Feby. — on con:
April dition that the same should receive the approbation of the
School Committee,

Voted that the doings of the Sub committee, in the premises be approved by this Board.

Secretary — On motion of Mr. H. J. Oliver, Voted, that the vote of the last board of School Committee allowing to the Secretary of the Board, one hundred and fifty dollars a year in consideration of his services, be renewed for the present year.

Schools — Voted that Henry J. Oliver Esq. be a committee to prepare the return to be made this year to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, "concerning the Schools" in the city, in conformity to an act passed the 4th day of March last, entitled "An act further to provide for the instruction of youth."

Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 18th. Inst. at 4 o'clock P. M.

18th Apl. Adams & Franklin Schs — At an adjourned meeting of the School Committee held this day, the committee to whom, at the meeting on the 7th inst. was referred the consideration of the State of the Adams and the Franklin Schools, reported, on the subject, that no further measures were, at present necessary to be taken for the accommodation of the children in those schools; — which report was accepted, and is on file.

Emersons S. Boston Sch. master — A petition signed by Romanus Emerson, and eleven others, inhabitants of South Boston, expressing their dissatisfaction with Mr Capen, Master of the South Boston school, and requesting that he may be dismissed, and another master placed in his room, was referred to Messrs Quincy, Bradford, Welsh, Davis, and Sumner, to make inquiries in relation to the premises, and report, at the next meeting of the Committee.

Adams Sch. master — The Sub-committee of the Adams School, informed the board that Mr Parker, writing usher in that school had, for the last fortnight, absented himself from the school, without permission or notice: Whereupon it was Voted, that

1826 the office of Mr Parker is vacant.
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Monitorial — Voted, that the Sub-Committee of the Adams School, with the Secretary, be a committee to make inquiries with a view to ascertain whether the system of monitorial instruction may be adopted in that school, and what it may be necessary to do, to carry that measure, if practicable, into effect; and to report at the next meeting of this Board.

Adjourned sine die.

May 9 At a meeting of the School Committee held this day at the Mayor's room, present the Mayor, Aldermen Bellows, Marshall, Welsh, Oliver, Loring and Jackson, and Messrs Bradford, Davis, Eaton, Hawes, Blaisdale, Hayward, Pierpont and Webster.

Bent S. Boston Sch. A memorial signed by Adam Bent and fifty eight others, inhabitants of South Boston, in relation to the school in that part of the city, as also a communication from Mr. Capen, master of that school, was read and referred to the Committee to whom the petition of R. Emerson and others was referred at the last meeting.

Adams Sch. In consequence of a communication from the masters of the Adams School, representing the crowded state of their school; and of the representations of the Sub-Committee of the Franklin School, that difficulties of the same nature existed in that school, while it was understood that in the South Boston and the Boylston School-houses there were not so many scholars as could be well accommodated; — it was

Voted That messrs Quincy, Pierpont, Davis, Sumner, and Hawes be a Committee to inquire into the best mode of equalizing the scholars in the Adams, Franklin, Boylston and South Boston Schools, — and all the other schools of the city; and report at the next meeting of this Board.

Latin Sch. A petition from the lads composing the first class of the Latin School, praying that the ensuing May vacation in that school may be made one week longer than it is by the present regulations, was read, and laid upon the table.

A letter from Mr. Bailey master of the High School for Girls, recommending an alteration in the hours of attendance in that school, was referred to messrs Bradford, Welsh and Webster.

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9 may Blairs lectures

Voted that, till otherwise ordered, Green's edition of Blair's Lectures on Rhetoric, abridged by himself, be used as a text-book in the High School for Girls.

Children too old

A Communication from the City Council proposing sundry interrogatories in relation to an intermediate school, for such children as are too old for the primary, and not qualified for the Grammar schools, was read, and

Referred to Messrs Bradford, Hayward and Barrett.

Colburns first lessons & Sequel

The Committee to whom, at the meeting of 28 Feb.y last, was referred the subject of books to be used, and the system to be pursued in teaching arithmetic in the public Schools, reported, recommending the introduction of Colburn's First Lessons, and his Sequel, as the books to be used, and that Daboll's arithmetic be so far superseded as it can be without injury to the children already furnished with it: which report was Accepted, and is on file. (See next page)

Fires & sweeping Schools

The Committee to whom, at the meeting of 14 Feb.y last, was referred the consideration of the course to be adopted in regard to making fires and sweeping in the public Schools, reported recommending that in regard to the Latin School, English High School, and High School for Girls, there be no alteration of the present practice; which is to employ some one for the purpose of making fires and sweeping the rooms, at the discretion of the masters, to be paid by a tax on the pupils: and that, in all the Grammar and Writing Schools, the boys of the first and second classes be required to make fires in rotation; and the boys of the third and fourth classes in rotation be required to sweep: it being fully understood, and being most explicitly the opinion of the Committee, that the masters, and they alone should, in all cases, attend to the securing at noon-time and at night, of the fires in their respective school-houses. Which report was accepted and is on file.

Primary Schs.

Voted, on motion of the Secretary, That a committee be raised to confer with such a committee as may be appointed by the committee of Primary Schools, on the question whether it is practicable to give those children in the Primary schools which are most advanced, some instruction in the elements of arithmetic, previous and preparatory to their admission to the Pub. Gram.r Schools.

Committee, Messrs Pierpont, Eaton, Blaisdale.

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May 9 Examining Com.

Voted That messrs Webster, Davis, Sumner, and Barrett be the Examining Committee for the present year.

Voted that the Committee adjourn, to be called together as soon as the Committee for equalizing the scholars in the Franklin, Adams, Boylston, and South Boston Schools shall be ready to report.

May 26

At a meeting of the School Committee held this day, present, The Mayor, aldermen Carney, Welsh, Oliver, Marshall, Jackson, Robbins, and messrs. Bradford, Webster, Hawes, Eaton, Pierpont, Bean, Hayward, Blaisdale, Barrett, and Davis;-

High Sch. for Girls

The Committee to whom was referred the letter of Mr. Bailey, Master of the High School for Girls recommending such an alteration in the rule relating to the hours of attendance in that School, as to allow the scholars to attend from 8 o'clock A.M. to 2 P.M. during the summer term,- Reported in favour of that alteration;- which report was accepted, and is on file.

Colburn's arithmetic

The Committee, whose report, in relation to the books to be used in teaching arithmetic, was accepted at the last meeting, proposed an amendment to their report, requiring Colburn's "First Lessons" and the "Sequel to the First Lessons" to be used in all the Public Schools of the city, after the first day of December next; and that any class, which, according to the regulations of the Schools, will have to procure an arithmetic, be required to furnish themselves with the First Lessons, even before that time, if the instructers judge it for the benefit of the Schools; and that notice be given to the instructers accordingly.

Which amendment was accepted.

Primary Sch.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of the City Council, proposing certain questions in relation to an intermediate School, made a report.- While this was under consideration Dr. Hayward of that Committee gave notice that if the report that had been agreed to by the majority of the committee, should not be accepted, he should offer as a substitute, for it, a report on the same subject but of an opposite character, recommending no appropriation for a distinct School for the children in question, and an-

? which was accepted, the 1st or Dr Hayward's

1826 swering the inquiries of the city Council in relation to the premises.
26. May which report was accepted; and it was Voted that that report be sent to the chairman of this Board, to be by him transmitted to the ~~City Council~~ President of the Common Council.

Schools – return

Mr. H. J. Oliver, the special Committee to whom at the meeting of 7th April last, was assigned the duty of preparing a return of the schools in Boston, according to the requirements of the law of 4th march last, and to report the same to this Board, reported a return, connected with sundry documents relative to the public and the private schools of the city. In relation to the private schools he remarked that some of the documents – touching the number of scholars and the price of tuition – were of a confidential nature, and could not be published.

Which report was accepted.

Voted that the Committee, who prepared the return, be requested to make it, as from this Board, to the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Voted that the same Committee be requested to cause five hundred copies of his report on the subject of schools, to be printed, in form of a pamphlet, together with such of the documents accompanying it, as, in his opinion, will be consistent with the rights of individuals, and conducive to public benefit.

Emerson – Bent – S. Boston Sch.

The Committee to whom were referred the memorial of Romanus Emerson and others, and the counter memorial of Adam Bent and others in relation to the school in South Boston, together with the letter of Rev. Mr. Capen master of Sd School, presented a detailed report on the whole matter; which report, without expressing any opinion upon the question relative to the competence or fidelity of Mr. Capen as a public teacher, closes with the opinion "that an established permanent ministerial relation to a religious congregation held by one of the public masters of our Grammar and writing schools has a natural tendency to excite discontent, and to generate suspicions of incompetency or negligence in the performance of his official duties. If entire duty in both professions be attempted, such attempt must fail: and failure in either has a necessary tendency to injure general reputation, on which so much of men's usefulness in all stations, and particularly in that of a public teacher materially depends

"Besides, the city has a right not only to receive, but also that no just cause of doubt should exist whether it does receive, the undiminished strength of mind and attention, of all those who under-

1826 take the office of teacher in its grammar and writing schools.
26 May. (Copy of Report communicated to Mr Capen.)
Which report was accepted, and is on file.

High Sch. for Girls. Voted that the Sub-Committee of the High School for girls be authorized to furnish that school with such Globes, maps, and atlases, as in their opinion shall be proper, and of benefit to the school.

Eng. High Sch. & Latin — Voted — on notice received from Mr. LeBreton usher in the Eng. High, and Mr. Newell, usher in the Latin School that they shall resign their offices at commencement — That the Secretary be requested to give public notice that, on the first Wednesday of August, the School Committee will meet for the choice of a successor to each of the persons above named; — the persons chosen to enter upon duty immediately after the commencement holidays.

Mayhew Sch. The chairman laid before the Board two communications from Mr. Frost, master of the Mayhew School, calling the attention of the committee to the state of his school-house, and to the necessity of repairs in the same. The representations of the master were confirmed by the Mayor and the Sub-Committee of the Mayhew School, Whereupon it was

Voted that the Sub-committee of the Mayhew School be requested to cause such repairs, as they may deem necessary, to be effected in the Mayhew School house, as soon as shall be practicable.

Voted that the same committee be authorized to procure a room, if possible, for the accommodation of the Mayhew school, while the school house is undergoing repairs.

Children not admitted to Sch. to be rep.d Voted that the masters of the public Grammar Schools be instructed to report to the sub-committee of their respective schools, the name of every child applying for admission, who cannot, according to the existing rules, be admitted to the Grammar Schools, — and the reasons why such child has not before applied for admission: and the sub-committee of each school is hereby authorized, until the further order of this Board, to admit such child to the school, in all cases in which the committee may think it compatible with the good order of the school.

Jenks On petition of Rev. William Jenks, that the school house on Washington St may be occupied on Sunday, by a Sunday School,

Voted that the subject be indefinitely postponed.

Adjourned, sine die.

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At a meeting of the School Committee (a quarterly meeting) a letter was read, from Mr Gould, master of the Latin School, in reference to his edition of Virgil, asking the attention of the Board to its merits, with a view to its introduction into the Latin School. Whereupon it was

Virgil

Voted that the matter be referred to the Sub-Committee of the Latin School, with authority to authorize and prescribe the use of the book in question in cases in which a scholar is already furnished with no other edition of Virgil.

Salaries of Masters &c.

Voted that the salaries of the several teachers of the public Schools be the same for the present as for the last year, with the exception of the Master of the High School for girls, and the master of the African School: in reference to both of whom no order was taken.

High Sch. for Girls.

A communication from Mr. Bailey, master of the High School for girls, requesting that his salary might be made equal to that of the Masters of the Latin and Eng. High School respectively, was read and referred to Messrs Webster, Jackson, Robbins, B. Sumner and Davis.

Examg. comm. rept. State of schools.

The Examining Committee, by Dr. Webster their Chairman, made their report touching the state of the public schools, and the doings of the Committee. Whereupon it was

Voted that the Report be accepted, and placed on file.

Eng. High Sch.

A communication was read from the Instructers of the Eng. High School, requesting that for the future the days of examination for that school might be the Thursday and Friday after the annual Visitation, instead of Friday and Saturday.

Voted that the request be granted.

Voted that the teachers of the Eng. High School be instructed to require of every candidate for admission to that school, previous to examination, a certificate from his parent or guardian that he is of the age required by the regulations of this board on that subject.

Instructors apd.

The Committee proceeded to the appointment of the Instructers of the several public schools, by ballot, when all the present teach

8 Aug.st ers were reappointed to their respective offices, with the exception of such as had previously resigned their places, and with the exception of those whose names here follow, and who were the subjects of the following votes.—

Eliot-sch. Voted that Messrs Bradford, Sumner and Davis be a committee to inquire whether Mr. Samuel Campbell, usher in the Grammar Department of the Eliot School, be qualified for his place according to the Regulations of the School Committee.

Hudson— Hancock Sch. A memorial, signed by John Hudson and others, complaining of some of the proceedings of Mr Dillaway, usher in the grammar department of the Hancock School, was read, and referred to the Sub-Committee of that School.

Voted that the appointment of Mr Campbell and Mr Dillaway be suspended till after the committees in their respective cases shall have reported.

S. Boston Sch. Voted that the re-appointment of Mr Capen master of the South Boston school be suspended for the present.

High sch. for Girls A Communication from the Sub-Committee of the High School for Girls setting forth their views of the expediency and necessity of further provision for the support, enlargement, and future accommodation of that school, was read; but before there was any disposition of it, there was a motion for adjournment.

Adjourned to Friday following, at 3½ o'clock P. M. (Note *)

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*Note, The meeting of the Committee pursuant to the above adjournment was countermanded by the Chairman, and ordered to take place on the Tuesday following at 3½ o'clock P. M.—

Aug.st 15 The School Committee met this day according to the appointment of the Mayor. The Secretary being out of town, Mr Davis was made Sec.y pro tem.

Sec. pro tem.

Visitation of Sch. The Mayor named the several committees for visitation of the schools, at the approaching annual exhibition, — 24.th Aug.st — which was approved by the Board.

A letter was read from Mr.s Capen, Master of the South Boston

15 Aug.t School, after which, on the question of his re-appointment, the ballot was in the negative, yeas 6, nays 8. Whereupon it was

S. Boston Sch. master

Voted, That the Secretary be authorized to issue notices, stating that there is a vacancy in the S.t Boston School, and inviting applications therefor.

Hudson

Mr Eaton, for the Committee to whom was referred the memorial of Hudson and others, relative to Mr Dillaway, reported.

Mr Dillaway was unanimously re-elected, usher of the Hancock School.

Eliot Sch. Usher

Mr Bradford, for the Committee appointed to examine objections to Mr Campbell, reported that Mr Campbell was not a graduate of any college, but that the rule was ex post facto as to him, he having been appointed before the rule was made.

Mr Blaisdale and Dr Webster made some observations on the same subject

Mr. Campbell was re-chosen, - ballot, yeas 8, nays 6.-

The Secretary was ordered to communicate to Mr Campbell the division, in his choice. - (Note. notice of choice and division communicated accordingly. J. P. Sec.y)

High Sch. for Girls

Mr Bellows moved that the communication of the Subcommittee of the High School for girls, which was read immediately before the adjournment of the last meeting, be committed to a special Committee: Voted; and that the Committee consist of three. - Messrs Webster, Davis, and Sumner were appointed.

Voted to add two more to the committee

Messrs Welsh and Barrett appointed

Voted that Mr Welsh be excused. The Mayor was added.

Latin & Eng. High Sch.

Credentials were read in favour of the several candidates for the vacant ushership in the Latin and the English High School.

Virgil

A report of the Committee on Mr Gould's Edition of Virgil was read and laid on the table.

Fowle

A letter from Mr W. B Fowle, on the subject of his book on linear drawing was read and laid on the table

Voted to adjourn for the choice of ushers in the Latin and

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15 Aug.t English High Schools, to Tuesday 22d. August)

Instructions (Voted that messrs Robbins Davis, Wisner, Eaton, and Hayward, be a Committee to consider and report if any improvement can be made in the present system of public instruction, especially with a view to the introduction of the monitorial system.

Adjourned (

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22 Aug.t At a meeting of the School Committee held this day by adjournment, at the Mayor's room,

Souths Boston Sch. Mr. Bellows moved to reconsider the vote by which Mr. Capen was not chosen at the last meeting. Decided to be not in order.)

On Motion of Mr Welsh, (Voted that notice be given that the Committee will proceed to a choice of a master of the School in South Boston, on Tuesday, 5th September next.)

Latin & Eng. high Sch. Ushers. (The Credentials in favour of Mr J. T. Stevenson, candidate for an usherships in the Latin School — (mislaid at the last meeting —) were read; Whereupon, it was

(Voted to proceed to ballot for an usher in the Latin, and an usher in the English High School.

(Duncan A. Bradford was chosen usher of the Latin School; and William Clough usher in the English High School.

Elect. Sch. Usher — Mr Webster introduced the subject of mr. Campbell's qualifications for the usherships to which he had been recently elected.

(Voted that the notice of mr campbell's election be withheld; and that the sub-committee make inquiries and report.

Visitation (Voted that, on the day of the ensuing visitation of the Schools, the mayor be requested to station Constables at the doors of the dining hall, and that no one be admitted without a ticket or card of invitation.

Chairman acc.t (The chairman presented his account of monies received and paid by him, whereupon it was

(Voted that messrs Bellows and Marshall be a committee to examine the account; and the said Committee having examined the same reported that it was correct and well vouched; Whereupon, Voted that the said account, and the certificate of 5 p.r Ct. Stock, amounting to $450.00 be deposited with the Auditor of the City, as the agent of this Committee in this respect. Adjourned!

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Sept. 5 At an adjourned meeting of the School Committee held this day, at the Mayor's room, present Messrs Carney, Bellows, Loring, Welsh, Marshall, Oliver, Jackson, Webster, Hawes, Blaisdale, Hayward, Barrett, Wisner, Eaton and Pierpont, viz.

Chairman protem. The Mayor being absent, Mr Bradford was placed in the chair.

Eliot Sch. Usher resigns. The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Campbell, usher of the Eliot School resigning his office as such; whereupon it was

Voted that Mr Campbell be allowed his salary to the end of the current quarter.

S. Boston Sch. masters apd. The Committee proceeded to the reading of the credentials and applications of the several candidates for the masterships of the School at South Boston: after they were all read it was

Voted that the Board proceed to ballot.

Mr Burnham Field was chosen.

Frost's grammar. A letter was read in relation to a book of grammar by Mr Frost master of the Mayhew school. Referred to Messrs Pierpont, Wisner and Davis.

Voted that the Secretary give public notice that the Board will meet, this day four weeks, to appoint an usher vice Mr Campbell resigned.

Adjourned.

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3 Oct. At a meeting of the School Committee held this day at the Mayor's room, present the Mayor Aldermen Carney, Loring, Marshall, Oliver & Welsh, and Messrs Bradford, Blaisdale, Davis, Pierpont & Webster.

Books & Studies. The Committee appointed at the meeting of 14th Sept. on the subject of books and studies for the fourth class of the Grammar and Writing Schools, reported in part, recommending the following order to be passed,

Ordered That Emerson's Primary Lessons in Arithmetic be hereafter used by the children of the fourth class in the Writing department of the several Grammar and Writing Schools of the city; either preparatory to their exercises in Colburn's First Lessons or connected with them, according to the discretion of the respective masters. Which report was accepted and is on file.

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Oct. 3 — A communication from the master of the High School for Girls, requesting permission to substitute the Latin language instead of Logic or Botany, as an allowed study for the first year in that school, was laid on the table.

High Sch. for Girls

Salary — The Committee, on the request of the master of the High School for Girls, that his salary might be placed upon the same ground with that of the respective masters of the other High Schools, reported against granting the request, which report was accepted and, with the letter, is on file.

The Committee to whom, at the meeting of the 15. Aug.t, was referred the communication of the Sub-Committee of the High School for Girls, relative to the character, prospects and claims of that school,

reported by the Mayor as chairman, recommending the postponement of any decision upon the question making provision for the future support and enlargement of the school, until after the next examination of candidates for admission into it; and suggesting the expediency of instituting a particular inquiry as to the effect produced upon the character and prospects of the other schools by the institution in question:—

Which report was accepted: and it was

Voted that for the purpose of making the inquiries suggested in the report, the subject be referred to the same Committee.—

On his request Dr Webster was excused, and Mr. Loring substituted.—

Voted that the salaries of the Master of the High School for Girls, and of the African School, respectively, be the same for the current as for the past year.

Eliot Sch. Master resigns — The Secretary read a letter from Mr Storrs, resigning his office, as master in the Grammar Department of the Eliot School; Whereupon it was

Voted, that the resignation of Mr Storrs be accepted.

Voted, that the Secretary give public notice that the Committee will meet on Tuesday 17th Inst. for the appointment of a successor to Mr. Storrs.—

Usher — The Board proceeded to the appointment, by ballot, of an usher in the Grammar department of the Eliot School, in place of Mr Campbell, resigned. Mr E. O. Fifield was chosen.

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3. Oct. Medals

In consequence of some remarks by Mr. Pierpont of the sub-committee of the Eliot School, upon the difficulties connected with the distribution of the medals in the public Schools, it was voted that Messrs Webster, Davis, Wisner, Bradford, & Pierpont be a committee to consider the subject of the medals awarded in the public Grammar and Writing Schools, in regard to their number, and the principles on which they shall be distributed, and to report upon the premises.

Adjourned to Tuesday 17th Inst. at 3½ P.M.

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The Committee met according to adjournment: present, The Mayor, Aldermen Savage, Billows, Jackson, Loring, Marshall, Oliver, Robbins and Welsh, Messrs. Bradford, Barrett, Davis, Blaisdale, Hawes, Pierpont, Sumner, Webster and Wisner.

Eliot Sch. Master chosen

The Board proceeded to the reading and consideration of the testimonials in favour of the several candidates for the place of Master of the Grammar department of the Eliot School, after which, at the fourth ballot, Mr Cornelius Walker was chosen.

Mayhew School.

Voted, that the sub-committee of the Mayhew School be authorized, while the Mayhew School-House is under repair, to direct the masters of that school to occupy the old Franklin School-House; and that, during the time they occupy said house, the school hours be from ½ past 8 o'clock a. m. to 2 P.M. being one attendance daily.

Adjourned, sine die.

Nov. 14.

High Sch. for Girls

At a quarterly meeting of the School Committee, held this day at the mayor and Aldermen's room, present The Mayor, Aldermen Welsh, Marshall and Oliver; and Messrs. Bradford, Barrett, Eaton, Hawes, Pierpont, Webster and Wisner. The mayor read the answer of the several Masters of the Grammar and Writing Schools, to several questions proposed to them respectively, by him, as chairman of the special committee appointed at the meeting of Oct. 3, to make inquiries as to the effect of the High School for Girls upon the character and prospects of the said schools, — and to report upon the same. Some desultory conversation took place upon the subject of those inquiries, and of the

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Nov. 14 School to which they related: but as the Committee was not prepared to report, the papers were all left in the hands of the Chairman of the special committee, with the understanding that he should report at the next meeting.

Voted, that when this meeting adjourns, the adjournment shall be to Friday next, at 3½ o'clock P. M.

Gils exhibition

Voted, that the annual exhibition of the Girls, in the several Reading & Writing Schools of the city, shall take place, this year, on Wednesday, the 22d. Inst, instead of Wednesday the 29th on account of the Annual State Thanksgiving; and that the girls continue in the schools after the day of their exhibition, until the regular Thanksgiving Holidays.

High sch. for Gils

Voted that the exhibition of the High School for Girls, take place, this year, on Thursday, the 23d. Inst.

Voted that the Secretary be authorized to distribute the School Committee into visiting Committees for the annual exhibition of Girls, on the day appointed for that purpose.

Franklin Sch. master resign.

The Secretary communicated to the Board the resignation of Mr. Rufus Webb, writing master of the Franklin School, and that of Mr N. Wade usher in the Grammar department of the same School; and gave information that the resignation of Mr. Barker, usher of the Grammar department of the Mayhew School might be hourly expected. Whereupon it was

Voted, that the resignations already tendered be accepted.

Voted, that the Secretary be requested to give public notice that the committee will meet this day three weeks, for the appointment of a Grammar usher and a Writing master of the Franklin School, — and that, should the resignation of Mr. Barker be tendered before notice given, he be requested to give notice that at the same meeting a Grammar usher would be appointed for the Mayhew School.

Note. The resignation of Barker was received the same day, and public notice was given accordingly. —

Adjourned to Friday next at 3½ o'clock P. M.

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At an adjourned meeting of the School Committee, held at the Mayor's room

High Sch. for Girls.

The Mayor presented the report of the committee who had been instructed to inquire touching the effect that might be produced by the High School for Girls, upon the character and prospects of the other schools in the city.

The Report stated that certain inquiries had been proposed to the several Grammar and Writing masters of the City relative to the effect already produced, and likely to be produced upon their respective Schools by the High School for Girls:— That answers to these inquiries had been received from all the masters; that the general character of the answers was such as to satisfy the committee that one of three things resulted as a necessary consequence of the past and prospective operation of the School in question;— viz, "1. Either the High School for Girls must be wholly discontinued; or, 2. The City must provide for two High Schools the present year,— with a prospective certainty of increasing the number of this species of Schools every succeeding one or two years, as the city increases; or, 3. New principles must be adopted in relation to admission into this School, so as to diminish the number of candidates, and to retain the females longer in the Grammar and Writing Schools;— and that, of these three courses, the last, in the opinion of the committee, ought to be taken.

The Report then proceeds to suggest sundry alterations in the present regulations touching the qualifications for admission into the High School for Girls, in regard to age and attainments, as also touching the term of continuing in the School.

The suggestions of the report were taken up and considered by the Board, and the general course recommended was adopted, with some deviations and amendments, as expressed in the following resolutions, which were accepted, and which the Secretary was instructed to publish for the information of the citizens

Resolved 1. That no scholar shall be admitted into the High School for Girls until she shall have attained the age of fourteen years, nor after she shall have attained the age of sixteen; or shall remain in the School longer than one year; except that the present scholars may remain one year from the second Monday of December next.

2. That the requisitions for admission to the High School for girls shall be every thing taught in the public

1826 Grammar and Writing Schools: and
Nov. 17 3. They shall be examined in Reading, Writing, all Modern Geography, Colburn's First Lessons in Arithmetic, and shall be able to parse fluently any English composition in prose or verse.

Note

These resolves were duly published together with notice of the time and place of examination of Candidates for the ensuing year.

The Report of the committee is on file, together with the answers returned by the several masters to the inquiries proposed to them by the Chairman; — among the papers relating to the High School for Girls.

Smith. The petition of Barney Smith and others, praying that a High School might be instituted for the coloured children of the City, which petition has been sent down to the School Committee from the City Council — was read and

Referred to the Sub-Committee of the African School.

Meeting adjourned sine die

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5 Dec. At a meeting of the School Committee held this day at the mayor's room. Present, the Mayor Aldermen Bellows, Welsh Marshall, Oliver; Loring, Robbins, and Jackson, and messrs Webber, Bradford, Eaton, Hawes, Sumner, Pierpont, Wisner, Davis, Barrett

Bond A letter was read from Geo. Bond, Esquire, requesting the City to accept a set of Geometrical figures in wood, for the use of the English High School. Whereupon it was

Voted, That the same be accepted, and that the thanks of this Committee, in behalf of the City be presented to Mr Bond for this present.

Franklin Sch. Master chosen. The Committee then proceeded to read the credentials of the several Candidates for the mastership of the Writing department of the Franklin School. After which on the third ballot, Mr Otis Pierce was chosen.

Before proceeding to consider the testimonials of the several candidates for ushershipt in the Grammar department of the Franklin and Mayhew Schools, it was

Voted to adjourn till Friday next, at 2 past 3 o'clock P. M.

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8 Decr. At an adjourned meeting of the School Committee, held this day at the Mayor's room present the Mayor Aldermen Carney, Fellows, Parker, Welch, Oliver, Jackson & Robbins and Messrs. Bradford, Barrett, Hayward, Sumner and Keeney;

Mayhew Sch. Mr. Francis C. Dorr was chosen usher in the Grammar department of the Mayhew, and

Franklin Sch. Mr. Jairus Lincoln usher in the same department of the Franklin School:

Adjourned sine die

List of Teachers in the Public Schools of Boston, on the second Monday of December 1826

Latin School, Benj.n A. Gould Master, Fred. P. Leverett, Sub-master.
Sam.l Parker, Henry P. Kendall, Duncan A. Bradford, Ushers.

Eng.h High — Solomon P. Miles, Master.
Lucius V. Hubbard, and Wm. Clough, ushers.

High School for Girls, — Ebn.r Bailey, Master.

Eliot School,	Cornelius Walker,	Gram.r Master,	E. O. Tisfield	Usher
	Elisha Webb	Writing "	Levi Coxant	"
Hancock "	N. A. Oliver	Jr. "	Chas.s K. Tillaray	"
	Peter Mackintosh jr	Writing "	Jacob A. Kent	"
Mayhew "	John Frost.	Jr. "	Francis C. Dorr	"
	Benj.n Holt.	Writing "	Benj.n Allender	"
Bowdoin "	Abraham Andrews	Jr. "	Sam.l J. Adams	"
	James Robinson Jr.	Writing "	Barnabas Whitney	"
Boylston "	Charles Fox	Jr. "	Jon.a Bailey	"
	Fred. Emerson	Writing "	David L. Hobbs	"
Adams "	Benj.n E. Emerson	Jr. "	And.w W. Davison	"
	Jon.a Snelling	Writing "	Oliver March	"
Franklin "	William J. Adams	Jr. "	Jairus Lincoln	"
	Otis Pierce	Writing "	Geo. Fracker	"
South Boston,	Burnham Field	Sole Teacher		
African	William Bascom	"		

Board of School Committee.

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Josiah Quincy Mayor Chairman

Aldermen. John Bellows
Thomas Welsh Jr
John F Loring
Jeremiah I Boies
Robert Fennelly
Cyrus Alger
Thomas B Wales
James Savage

Ward No. 1 Mr. Samuel Parker
2 " Henry Orne
3 Rev. James D Knowles
4 " Asa Eaton
5 " Samuel Barrett
6 Mr. James Bowdoin
7 " Alden Bradford
8 " Jacob Bigelow
9 " Ezekiel B Adams
10 " George Hayward
11 " Samuel Shaw
12 Rev. John L Blake

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13th Jany. At a Meeting of the School Committee, held this day at 10 o'Clock A.M. in the Mayor and Alderman's room. The board was called to order by the Mayor as Chairman. Present. The Mayor. Alderman Bellows, Welsh, Loring, Fennelly, Boies, Wales, Alger, Savage and Messrs. Eaton, Barrett, Knowles, Blake, Bigelow, Adams, Parker.

The meeting was organized, and the Josiah Quincy, Mayor and Chairman was requested to act as Secretary pro tempore, and the board was distributed into sub Committees as follows.

Sub Committees For 1827.

Latin School

Messrs. Savage
Boies
Alger
Shaw
Knowles
Hayward
Bowdoin

English High School

Messrs. Quincy
Wales
Fennelly
Bradford
Bigelow
Eaton
Orne

High School for Girls
Messrs Welsh
Bellows
Loring
Adams
Blake
Barrett
Parker.

Eliot School
Messrs Snowden
Franklin
Parker

Hancock School
Messrs Brue
Eaton
Boies

Mayhew School
Messrs Savage
Barrett
Bowdoin

Bowdoin School
Messrs Loring
Bradford
Adams

Boylston School
Messrs Welsh
Bigelow
Adams

Adams School
Messrs Bellows
Shaw
Hayward

Franklin School
Messrs Shaw
Wales
Blake

South Boston School
Messrs Hayward
Barrett
Alger

African School. Messrs Quincy, Barrett, Bradford

Voted. That the Secretary be authorized to procure a sufficient number of lists of the several Committees as distributed into Sub Committees to be printed for the use of the board, and that there be appended to said lists, a Copy of the regulations of the School Committee, in relation to the duties of sub Committees.

Bacon

Voted. That the Complaint of Robert Bacon relative to the misconduct of the Master and Usher of the Hancock School be referred to the sub Committee of the School with instructions that they make report at the adjournment, vizt on Friday the 12th inst.

Dorr

Voted. That the Complaint of John Dorr Esqr relative to the misconduct of the Usher of the Latin School be referred to the sub Committee of the School, with similar instructions as in preceeding vote.

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Smith

Voted. That the application of Barney Smith & others for a High School for people of Colour be referred to the Committee of that School with instructions as in preceding Vote.—

Prim. Sch.

Voted. That the Chairman notify the Secretary of the primary School Committees of the time of adjournment, and request a nomination of a Committee for those Schools in usual form.

Voted. That when this Committee adjourn it be to meet on Friday the 12th. Instant then to meet at the Mayor & Aldermans room at 3½ o'Clock P. M.

The meeting was then adjourned accordingly.

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At the adjourned meeting of the School Committee on Friday 12 January at half past three o'clock, Present

the Mayor, Bellows, Loring, Boies, Fennelly, Wales, Savage, Orne ~~Bowdoin~~, Barrett, Bowdoin, Bigelow, Adams, Hayward, Shaw, Blake

James Bowdoin was chosen Secretary, but immediately expressing the reasons, for which he begged to be excused from service, another ballot was taken, when James Savage was elected.

Secretary.

Bacon

The Mayor offered a long communication from Mr Robert Bacon relative to the master and usher of the Hancock School in treatment of his son and himself, in support of which the complainant was attending with two witnesses in an adjoining room. The matter in this complaint had been at the last meeting referred to the Committee of that school, and the Chairman observed, that Mr Bacon preferred not to have the investigation before the Sub. committee, and therefore no hearing had followed. Whereupon the new communication was unanimously voted to be referred to the same Com.tee

Croswell

A communication from W. Croswell was read and laid on the table without any order taken thereon.

Frost

A communication from Mr. John Frost recommending a book to be adopted, instead of Murray's English reader, as a class book for the second class, was read, and thereupon it was ordered, that a Committee on books be now appointed, and the letter of Mr. Frost be referred to said Com.tee to consider and report. The Com.tee are Savage, Orne, Barrett, Bigelow, Shaw.

Bailey

A communication at great length from Mr Ebenr. Bailey with accompanying plans relative to a better organization and arrange-

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ment of the school room occupied as a High School for Girls was referred, without being read, to the Committee on that school.

High Sch. for Girls.

Another communication from the master of the same school relative to books to be used in the High School for girls was referred to the same committee.

Prim. Sch. Com.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Board of Primary Schools, in the terms following: viz.

List of gentlemen now composing the Board of primary Schools, together with those nominated to supply vacancies:

1

Henry Fowle jr
Elijah J. S. Corlew
William Knapp
Joseph W. Ingraham
[redacted]
John Fenno jr
Charles Lincoln jr
Revd. Sebastian Streeter

2

Joseph Lewis
Nivian L. Bellow
William Palfrey
Isaac T. Dupee
William Jones
Whitney Hall

3

Reuben Richards jr
Frederick T. Gray
Moses Grant
Thomas Wells
George Dowlett
John Howes
Daniel Noyes
John Dane
George Lang
Sampson Reed
Samuel Howe

4

Daniel Henchman
Revd Francis Parkman
Lewis G. Pray
Calvin Washburn
John P. Spooner
Richard Ward
Hodges Reed
Thomas Wiley
Joseph Curtis

5

Isaac Mansfield
Abiel Chandler
Samuel M. Holland
Edward Wigglesworth
Revd Benj. B. Wisner
William T. Andrews
Revd. Joseph Tuckerman
Joseph T. Buckingham
Joshua P. Blanchard
Charles Stoddard
Louis Dwight

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Benj. A. Gould
Samuel Davis
J. Gulliver
David L. Child
Alexander Bliss
James Bowdoin
John Lowell jr
George B. Emerson
George H. Snelling

7

Gerry Fairbanks, Stephen Fairbanks
Revd. Samuel Capen, William Taylor
Bela Hunting, Adam Bent
Henry Hatch, William B. Dorr
Francis Jackson, William Russell

whereupon it was voted, that the same nomination be approved. But it was said by Mr Bowdoin, that it was not designed to include him in said nomination, and that his place had been or would be filled. On motion of Mr Adams, it was voted that the Board of primary Schools have power to fill any vacancies occurring in the ensuing year, and that they be requested to fill the same.

A conversation arose about copies of the Rules of this Board, when it was discovered, that there was a deficiency, and that new members could not be supplied. It was proposed to have a new edition printed, but it was said, that many alterations had been made since 1823, and that revision was necessary. Before any order was taken, the Board adjourned without day.

Returns. Returns for the Quarter were received, on the printed form, from the instructers of the Hancock School, and a less formal one from the instructers of the Mayhew School.

A special meeting of the School Committee was held at the Mayor's office on Wednesday 31 January at four o'clock, when were present the Chairman, Bellows, Wales, Savage, Parker, Barrett, Bowdoin, Bigelow, Adams and Hayward. A quorum not appearing, after waiting an hour, the meeting was dissolved.

13 Febry. The Quarterly meeting of the School Committee was held at the Mayor's Office on Tuesday, 13 February, at ten o'clock A.M. when were present, the Mayor, Bellows, Loring, Fennelly, Boies, Savage, Knowles, Eaton, Barrett, Bradford, Bigelow, Adams, Hayward, Shaw & Blake. 15

Hours of open Sch. A memorial, relative to the hours of opening school in the Grammar schools for the afternoon, signed by a large number of citizens, was read and referred to Bellows, Fennelly, Bradford, Bigelow and Knowles, to consider and report.

Franklin Sch. An account by the master of the Franklin school for certain supplies, not authorized, was presented by Dr. Hayward, and by vote of the Board was disallowed

The Secretary was ordered to call for Quarterly returns from such schools, as have not furnished them for the last Quar. ter.

Dorr, A Report from the sub committee of the Latin school on the complaint of John Dorr, Esquire, was made in writing, & accepted, exculpating the instructers, and accepted

Latin Sch. A communication from Duncan Bradford, resigning his place, as Usher of the Latin school, was read, and his resignation was

Febr. 13 accepted. Whereupon it was ordered, that when this Board adjourns, it be to Thursday 1. March at four o'clock, P.M. to fill this vacancy, and that the Secretary give public notice by advertisement, that this Board will then meet for that purpose.

Lincoln & Edmands

A letter from Lincoln & Edmands on two books published by them was referred to the Committee on Books.

It was ordered that the Secretary cause a new impression of three hundred copies of the Regulations, as amended by different votes of this Board to be published.

Rules

The subject of a construction of Section 4 of Cap. II relative to attendance on Grammar schools with an amendment proposed by Mr Savage to said rule, was referred to Mr Savage, Shaw & Adams to consider and report.

This subject produced large discussion at the Board, in which it was said, that it had not been doubted, that the just construction of the rule was, that every child was required to attend regularly both in the forenoon and afternoon, and that it had seemed so essential to the well being of the schools that the final clause in said rule, without a special permit from this Board, had never in any instance been used to authorize a departure from the course. It was said on the other side, that an attendance in both departments was by some members of the Committee considered as a compliance with the rule, though such attendance were solely in the forenoon, or afternoon, as the case might be; and that the attendance for half the day, in many instances being all which the child could give, from the circumstances of its parent or master requiring its service in the other half of the day, was more beneficial than a total absence.

1 March

The adjourned meeting of the School Committee was held at the Mayor's office on Thursday 1 March at four o'clock P.M. when were present the Mayor, Bellows, Loring, Boies, Wales, Alger, Savage, Orne, Knowles, Eaton, Barrett, Bowdoin, Bradford, Bigelow, Adams, Haywood, Shaw and Blake 18

Rules

A report from the Committee, appointed to consider of an amendment proposed in Section 4 of Chap. II was made, concluding with a unanimous recommendation of an addition to said section by way of Proviso. This report caused a great and free discussion, in which the Mayor, Bellows, Savage, Orne, Bowdoin, Bradford, Shaw and Blake participated, and the division on acceptance of the same was against it by nine against eight.

French, Spanish & German Lang.

A memorial, relative to instruction in the French, Spanish and German languages, signed by a great number of citizens, was read and referred to Savage, Shaw, Bigelow, Bradford and Orne.

When the Board would have proceeded agreably to assignment, to fill the vacancy in the Latin School, occasioned by the resignation of Mr.

Bradford, it was stated by the Chairman, that the number of the pupils in that school was only 160, and there were four instructers beside Mr Bradford, so that by rule 14 of Chap. IV no other was necessary, whereupon it was unanimously voted not to proceed.

Inkstands

A communication from Mr. Tracker of the Franklin school, relative to inkstands, in which he proposed to substitute metal for glass inkstands, was generally agreed to be within the power of the subcommittee. But the change of glass to metal was not thought expedient.

High Sch. for Boys.

On motion of Mr. Bradford, the committee on books was directed to consider of the propriety of introducing a new work on general history at the High School for boys, instead of Sytter. Mr Bradford stated, on introducing this motion, that the committee on books of last year was applied to by the teachers of that school to consider, whether a better book might not be introduced in lieu of Sytter, and that by vote of this Board the said committee was authorized to enquire if any book was preferable on that subject, with directions to report to the Board; that he as Chairman of the committee spoke with his colleagues on the subject, but it being late in the year, when said authority was given, the committee had not time to bring the subject to a satisfactory conclusion. — Note, the record does not contain any notice of such vote, nor that there was any standing Committee on books raised the last year; and it is probable, that the special committee on teaching arithmetic, raised 28 February, who reported on the 9 May, was by the mover of this order regarded as a standing committee on books, or that the subCommittee of the high school was the Committee referred to.

Girls—

On motion of Mr Eaton, a Committee, Knowles, Hayward and Adams, was directed to inquire into the expediency of permitting the attendance of girls in the grammar and writing schools all the year.

On motion of Mr Savage, the hour of quarterly meetings was changed from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Schools

The report on the memorial of many citizens, presented last meeting, relative to the time of opening the schools in the afternoon, was read, and on motion of Mr Shaw, laid on the table. The report proposed a change from the hour of two to three in certain months of the year.

23 March

A Special meeting of the School Committee was held at the Mayor's office on Friday 23d March at five o'clock, P.M. when were present the Mayor, Bellows, Loring, Fennelly, Boies, Wales, Savage, Orne, Bourdoin, Bradford, Adams, Hayward, Blake 13.

Latin Sch.

The Chairman read a letter from Henry P. Kendall, usher at the Latin School, resigning his place, whereupon it was voted, that this Board will on Thursday next, at four o'clock, proceed to fill the vacancy, and that the Secretary give public notice by advertisement of this result.

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Smith's

The Chairman of the subcommittee on the African school made report on the petition of Barney Smith and others for a High School for colored children, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer thereof, which was accepted.

30 March

The adjourned meeting of the School Committee was held at the Mayor's office on Friday 30 March, by direction of the Mayor, instead of Thursday 29 Inst. he having been engaged at the funeral of one of his relatives, at four o'clock P.M. when were present, the Mayor, Bellows, Welsh, Foster, Fennelly, Hales, Savage, Bowdoin, Bradford, Adams, Hayward, Shaw 12

Bowdoin sch.

Mr Loring, of the subcommittee on the Bowdoin school, made a communication of a plan proposed by the master in the writing department of said school, concluding with some inquiries as to the rights and responsibilities of masters and ushers, and the subject was on motion of Mr Welsh referred to a committee of one from each of the subcommittees of the grammar schools, Shaw, Knowles, Eaton, Bowdoin, Welsh, Hayward and Loring.

Schools

The Report, made on 1 March, relative to hours of keeping schools in the afternoon from 1 April to 1 October, henceforward to begin at 3 and close at 6, was taken up, debated and accepted.

Books

A report from the committee on books, relative to the letter of Mr Frost, communicated 12 January last, was then offered, which concludes that they cannot recommend the book proposed, to be accepted as a substitute for Murray's English reader. The Report was accepted.

High Sch. for Girls

A letter from Ebenr. Bailey on his compensation as master of the High school for girls was read, and a conversation ensued thereon, which closed by a reference to a committee, Savage, Bigelow, Hayward, to consider and report thereon.

Snelling

A letter from Mr. Jona. Snelling as to the evil arising from the free use of a pump, belonging to the Adams school, was referred to the subcommittee of that school, with authority to correct the evil by removal of a fence or otherwise

The Chairman stated that a complaint of a similar kind was made at the High school for Boys, and that he would take measures in relation to the same.

Books

On motion of Mr Bradford the committee on books was directed to consider of the expediency of introducing different books for the two lower classes in the English grammar school. It was observed by the mover, that the same books were used by these two classes as the pupils had been prepared in at the primary schools.

The Board proceeded to consider the applications for the place of usher at the Latin school, in the room of Mr. Kendall,

when the accompanying recommendations, and ballots were taken, 12 in number, of which 10 were for Charles K. Dillaway.

Dillaway Usher

Mr Dillaway being usher at the grammar department of the Hancock school, it was inquired, when the vacancy thus created should be filled. Dr. Adams of the Subcommittee of the Boylston School remarked, that it would be agreable to the master of the grammar department in that school to act in the government and instruction of said school without an usher, in order to try the experiment of monitorial instruction more fully in that department. Whereupon the Board voted, that the usher in that department of the Boylston school be transferred to the same department in the Hancock school, and that the Subcommittee direct the master to proceed in his duty in the Boylston school on the plan of mutual instruction, and make report from time to time of his success.

8 May

The quarterly meeting of the School Committee was held at the Mayor's office on Tuesday 8 May, at four o'clock, when were present the Mayor, Bellows, Welsh, Loring, Fennelly, Boies, Hales, Savage, Orne, Knowles, Bowdoin, Bradford, Bigelow, Adams, Hayward, Shaw and Blake. 17.

Bailey

A report on the memorial of Ebenr. Bailey, adverse to the prayer thereof, was read and accepted unanimously.

Masters & Ushers

A report on the subject, referred at the last meeting, in relation to the rights and responsibilities of masters and ushers, was read and accepted. This report was accompanied with a representation from several of the ushers, written with much argument and eloquence, which had been submitted to the Committee on the subject, but which the report had concluded against. Mr Shaw, the chairman made some remarks in support of the views which the Committee had been influenced by, and the Report was unanimously accepted, after the representation and explanation had been made.

Francis

A report on the Memorial of David Francis and others, relative to instruction in the French, Spanish and German languages, was read and unanimously accepted.

Schools

The Committee for the annual examination of the Schools was voted to consist of five, and the Mayor, Bowdoin, Adams, Eaton and Loring were appointed.

On motion of Mr Savage, a Committee was appointed to consider and report what compensation should be given to the several instructers of the public schools, as follows. Shaw, Hayward, Boies, Fennelly and Bigelow.

Instruction of Youth

A conversation was held on the subject of the seventh section of the new law, passed March last, relative to instruction of youth, and it was doubted by some, whether its provisions applied to this city. The sub-

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ject was at last, on motion of the Mayor, referred to Welsh, Orne, Bellows, Adams and Knowles.

The Secretary reported that the new impression of the Regulations was received from the printers, whereupon it was ordered, that a copy be furnished to each member of this Committee, to each master, usher, clergyman of the City and member of the Common Council.

Eliot Sch.

On motion of Mr Savage a Committee to consider of the alteration and repairs of Eliot school house was raised, as follows: Bellows, Fennelly and Adams.

Worcester's Geog.

The Committee on books reported, verbally, in favor of substituting Worcester's Epitome of Geography, with Atlas, to be used in the English grammar schools, for the Elements with Atlas by the same author, which was required by Article 13 of Chap. 2 of Section II of the Regulations. Much conversation ensued, and the Report was not accepted, but the Committee were desired to consider again of the subject and in connexion therewith to have reference to Woodbridge's and Goodrich's Geographies.

Mr Shaw stated, that difficulties had arisen by the crowded state of the Franklin and Adams schools, but added that at present the evil was remedied by removal of some children from each of said schools to the Boylston school.

The Mayor called for information relative to the success of the grammar master at the Boylston school in proceeding according to the order of the Board at the last meeting, without an usher to assist in the government and instruction of said school, whereupon Dr. Adams remarked, that the master was encouraged by the experience of the month, in which he had thus solely managed the school, but that further trial was to be had.

14 Aug.

The Quarterly meeting of the School Committee was held at the Mayor's office on Tuesday 14 August at four o'clock, when were present the Mayor, Bellows, Welsh, Loring, Boies, Savage, Knowles, Eaton, Bowdoin, Adams, Hayward and Shaw, 12.

Eliot Sch.

A report from the Committee on repairs of Eliot school house was read and accepted.

Com. of exam.

The Report of the Committee for annual examination of all the Schools was made by the Mayor at great length, read and accepted. This report recommended a special notification of apparent deficiency in the Grammar department of the Eliot School, and in both departments of the Mayhew School. The report also recommended a modification of the rule as to the annual examinations, which subject was thereupon committed to the same Committee, and Messrs Savage and Shaw were added to it.

On enquiry, it appearing that no Sub Committee had made

examination for the purpose of awarding the Franklin medals, which must be distributed at the annual visitation on Wednesday of next week, it was ordered, that on Saturday noon next, at farthest, every Sub Committee furnish the City Clerk with the names of the pupils to whom they have awarded the medals. [The Secretary early next morning sent the several notifications to each Committee.]

Hancock Sch. A letter from Mr. Dove, Chairman of the Sub Committee for the Hancock School, relative to a certain improvement desirable there, was, referred to the Committee on said school with authority to make the alterations, if found necessary or useful.

Salaries The Report of the Committee on compensation to all the instructors was read and accepted. The report recommended a continuance of the same compensation, as last year, to the instructors severally, except to the master of the Hawes School at South Boston, which is now raised from eight hundred dollars to nine hundred dollars. Some conversation was had on a proposition to enlarge the compensation of the grammar master of the Boylston school, in consideration of his sole care and government in that department. It was said to be premature, as the experiment had been only four months going on, though the result was stated by the Sub Committee and by the examining Committee to be very encouraging. The proposal was not pressed

Eng. High Sch. A letter from Lewis W. Hubbard was read, by which he resigns his place of usher at the English High School after the present term. The Secretary was ordered to publish notice that the vacancy would be filled at some special meeting.

Instructors chosen The Board then proceeded to make elections of instructors for all the schools, except the May new school, which were postponed to the next Quarterly meeting. A question was raised on proceeding to the election of the grammar master of the Eliot School, which was proposed to be postponed but the election was ordered by six votes against five. All the instructors, both principals and assistants, as they previously stood in the several schools, except Mr Hubbard, resigned, and except the four instructors of the May new school, were reelected by hand vote.

Visitation The Chairman and Secretary were ordered to divide the whole Board into Committees for the annual visitation on Wednesday of next week, which was done, as follows:

Hancock & Eliot schools
Thomas Welsh jr.
Revd. Mr Eaton
John F. Loring
Dr. Fennelly
A Bradford

Bowdoin & Mayhew Schools
J. Quincy
J Bowdoin
J. S. Bates
Revd. Mr. Knowles
Col. Orne

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Franklin & Boylston Schools

L. Shaw
T. B. Wales
Revd. Mr Blake
Dr. Geo. Hayward
Samuel Parker

Adams & Hancock Schools

J. Bellows
Dr Bigelow
Revd. Mr Barrett
C. Alger
Dr. Adams

Latin School

J. Quincy
Bellows
Loring
Boies
Alger
Parker
Eaton
Bowdoin
Bigelow
Blake
Shaw

English High School

Savage
Welsh
Fennelly
Wales
Orne
Knowles
Barrett
Bradford
Adams
Haywood.

Nolen — A communication from Charles Nolen junr. on allowing pupils from the Schools to visit the exhibition of the Solar microscope was read and it was not thought expedient for the City to incur the expense.

28 Aug. — A special meeting of the Committee was held at the Mayor's office on Tuesday 28 August at four o'clock, when were present the Mayor, Bellows, Welsh, Loring, Fennelly, Boies, Wales, Savage, Knowles, Eaton, Barrett, Bowdoin, Bradford, Bigelow, Hayward, and Blake 16

Eng. high Sch. — The Board proceeded to the election of an Assistant at the English High School, when the votes were, on the first ballot, 16, of which 11 were for Epes Sargent Dixwell. Other candidates were Edwards A. Park, Charles Field and John W. Whitman.

Judge Davis — The Chairman read a letter from Judge Davis, proposing to give rewards, if no objection were felt by the Committee, to the two boys at the English High school, who were specially named by order of the sub-committee of that school with approbation at the distribution of the Franklin medals, though medals could not be awarded to them by reason of a superiority in some particulars of their competitors. It was thereupon considered inexpedient to pass any vote, but the design was universally agreed to be unobjectionable.

13 Septr.

A special meeting of the Committee was held on Thursday 13 Septr. at the Mayor's Office, when were present, the Mayor, Bellows, Loring, Fennelly, Boies, Wales, Savage, Orne, Adams, Shaw and Blake 11

Eliot Sch. An order of the City Council, authorizing the School Committee to make such alterations in the Eliot school house, as in their judgment the interest of the School may require, was laid before the Board, whereupon it was ordered, that Messieurs Bellows, Loring, Orne, Boies and Blake be a Committee with full authority to fulfil the purpose of the City Council.

A bill for maps and an Atlas furnished the Hancock school was approved, amounting to $14.- which is delivered to the City Auditor.

The Mayor reported, that he had paid $22.50 to the Master of the Latin School, being the Interest of the fund for prizes at that school.

Richards Application of Reuben Richards Jr. in behalf of his son, who will be 12 years of age on 12 Octor. next, asking relaxation of the Rule for admission at the High school in his favor, was read, and some conversation followed thereon. The Mayor stated, that Robert G. Shaw had last week made to him a similar application for his son, who will on 15 Inst. become 12 years old, and that he believed the best course was rigidly to adhere to the letter of the Rule. This seemed, at last, to be the general opinion of the Committee, and no vote was taken.

13 Novr. The Quarterly meeting of the Committee was held on Tuesday 13 Novr. at the Mayor's office, when were present, the Mayor, Loring, Fennelly, Wales, Savage, Knowles, Barrett, Bowdoin, Bradford, Adams, Haywood and Blake 12.

Mayhew Sch. After reading the proceedings of the last Quarterly meeting and the subsequent special meetings, a report from the Committee of the Mayhew School was read and accepted, whereupon all the instructers of that school were reelected, by hand vote.

Alteration of Rules A report of the Committee on alteration of some rules was made, and after slight debate was accepted. By this vote, the rule 4 of Section 1, in line 3 of page 5 of the printed Regulations, is so altered, that the visiting Committees for the Latin School, the High School for Boys, and the High School for Girls shall consist, each, of seven, and for each of the other schools, of three. A further alteration, at the end of the same "rule is made by this addition: "And the Chairman or some member of "each sub Committee shall make a report in writing, at each quarterly meeting, to the School Committee, of their examination, its result, and of the "several circumstances above specified, which may have occurred. And it "shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Board, at each quarterly meeting, to "call in open meeting on each chairman or any member of each sub Committee, who may be present, for such report, and in case of omission to

Nov. 13 "make such report, the School Committee shall pass a vote, enjoining the sub Com-
"mittee to proceed forthwith in the performance of such duty and adjourn to
"receive their report." An alteration of the 5 rule in the same section is made,
by abrogating the same, and substituting the following: "5 Two examining
"Committees shall be annually appointed by this Board, consisting each of three
"members, the one for the English Grammar schools and the other for the Writing
"schools, each of which Committees shall be joined by as many other members of
"the Board as can conveniently attend. And it shall be the duty of each of the
"said Committees to examine all the schools of the class, for which they are ap-
"pointed, in the month of May or June, and critically to examine the pupils in
"all the branches taught therein, in order to ascertain the condition of such schools
"and their comparative merit, and to report, previously to the annual elec-
"tion of the instructers, that the appointments of the Board, on that occasion, may
"be judiciously made" Similar provision for examination of the Latin, the High
school for Boys and the High school for Girls by the particular visiting Committ
tees of said schools severally, is part of the rule.

After adoption of this Report, Mr Bowdoin suggested that a printed form of returns to the Board of quarterly visits would be useful, and moved that a committee be appointed to prepare such a form; but it was re-
marked, that experience would perhaps lead to a better form, than could be made by us, and that the rule would operate not on the present mem-
bers, but on a new Board, whereupon the motion was withdrawn.

Eliot Sch. repairs. The Mayor read a communication from the Chairman of the Committee for repairs on the Eliot school house, and stated, that in consequence thereof, he had caused accommodation for the pupils at said school to be furnished in the Ward rooms of Ward rooms No. 2 and 3 since the first monday of this month.

High Sch. for Girls. A letter from Mr. Ebenr. Bailey, master of the High School for Girls, resigning his place, was read.

It was voted, that the subject of making election of a mas-
ter of the High school for Girls be postponed.

A Committee, to consider of the expediency of continuing the High school for Girls, was raised, consisting of Savage, Orne, Barrett, Adams and Shaw.

Medals It was ordered, that the medals at the several schools for the Girls be given on Tuesday's exhibition, except at the High school, and there on Wednesday of the Thanksgiving week.

It was ordered that the Chairman and Secretary assign the several Committees for visiting the schools at the autumnal exhibition.

It was ordered, that on or before Saturday of next week the several sub Committees make return to the City Clerk of the names of the pupils to whom they have awarded the medals.

Hawes Sch. A communication from the master of the Hawes School, suggesting the propriety of having three medals awarded to the females at said school, was read, but on comparing the return from that school with those of other schools, it was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr Savage, the following vote was passed.

Small pox Whereas great apprehensions were entertained, in the early part of this year, of the spreading of contagion by small pox, and the cities of New York and Philadelphia, and others, with which the commercial intercourse of our citizens is very frequent, are often subject to that evil, and whereas the best security against the contagion of that loathsome and deadly disease is furnished by a diffusion of the mild remedy of cow pock through the community, and the city government have adopted measures for the universal extension of this benefit, without expense to all such persons as would feel an inconvenience in paying the usual fees, and the remedy may most satisfactorily be obtained by children,

It is therefore ordered by the School Committee, that, after March next, the instructers of all the public schools in this city be directed to ascertain by probable evidence, that every child, who is offered for admission at any of said schools, shall have been secured against contagion of the small pox; and no child not so secured shall be received at any such school, unless on return from the master, the School Committee shall order such child to be received.

Visitation The Committees for visitation of the several schools, on Tuesday 27 Inst. to attend the exhibition of the female pupils, were assigned, as follows:

Eliot & Hancock	Bowdoin & Mayhew
Quincy	Welsh
Fennelly	Boies
Bowdoin	Knowles
Barrett	Orne
Adams	Hayward
Franklin & Boylston	Adams & Hawes
Savage	Bellows
Loring	Alger
Eaton	Blake
Bradford	Wales
Bigelow	Shaw

11 Decr. A special meeting of the Committee was held on Tuesday 11 Decr. at four o'clock at the Mayor's office, when were present the Mayor, Bellows, Welsh, Loring, Fennelly, Boies, Wales, Savage, Eaton, Barrett, Bowdoin, Adams, and Hayward 13.

Frosts exercises Dr Adams made request from Mr Fox of the Boylston School, that he might be permitted to use Frost's Exercises in Parsing,

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Dec. 17 whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Books, and they were directed to inquire as to the expense of the same.

High Sch. for Girls

The Committee on the subject of the High School for Girls, as to the expediency of continuing the same, made report, that "having bestowed much attention on the subject, it was their opinion, that it is expedient to continue the said School." It was moved by Mr Bellows to postpone the consideration of this report until the new Committee come into office. This motion passed in the negative. The question of accepting the Report was not decided, after much debate on two several divisions, the votes being equal, and the Chairman not choosing to decide. On motion of Mr. Welsh, the Report was amended by addition of these words: "on the principles of the Report of the Committee on the subject of the High School for Girls made 17 Novr. 1826". The motion to postpone was then renewed, and on the question the Board was divided, six and six, when the Chairman decided in favor of postponement.

Females to continue the whole year

Mr Wales moved, that it be recommended to the Committee for 1828 early to consider the expediency of continuing the instruction of females at the Grammar Schools the whole year. The Secretary read a note just received from Revd. Mr Knowles, Chairman of the Committee on that subject, explaining the cause, why no report was made. It was then voted that the subject be postponed.

Usher

Dr. Adams moved, that in case of the occurrence of any vacancy in the place of Usher at the Grammar or Writing Schools, the same should not be filled. This subject was postponed.

Instructor

The Committee then adjourned.

List of Teachers in the Public Schools, second Monday of December 1827.

Latin School, master, Benjamin A. Gould; submaster, Frederick P. Leverett; Ushers, Samuel Parker and Charles K. Dilloway.

English High School, master, Solomon P. Miles; ushers, William Clough and Epes Sargent Dixwell.

Eliot School,	Cornelius Walker,	Grammar master,	E. O. Fifield, usher
	Elisha Webb	Writing	Levi Conant
Hancock,	N. K. G. Oliver	Grammar master	Joseph Bailey usher
"	P. Mackintosh jr	Writing master,	Jacob A Kent usher
Mayhew	John Frost,	Gr. master	
	Benjamin Holt	Writing	Benj. Callender usher
Bowdoin	Abraham Andrews,	Gr. master	Sam. T. Adams usher
	James Robinson jr	Writing,	Barnabas Whitney usher
Boylston	Charles Fox	Gr. master	Abel Wheeler usher
	Fred. A. Emerson	Writing	
Adams	Samuel Barrett,	Gr. master,	Andrew C. Davison usher
	Jona. Snelling	Writing	Oliver March usher
Franklin	William J. Adams	Gr.	Jairus Lincoln usher
	Eli Peirce	writing	George Thacher usher
Hawes	Burnham Field		
African	William Bascom		

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Josiah Quincy, Mayor

Aldermen, John T. Loring
Robert Fennelly
James Savage
Thomas Kendall
James Hall
Phineas Upham
John Pickering
Samuel T. Armstrong

Ward N° 1. Rev. C. P. Grosvenor
" 2. Wm B. Fowle
" 3. Dr Amos Farnsworth
" 4. Rev. Asa Eaton
" 5 " Samuel Barrett
" 6. James Bowdoin
" 7. Alden Bradford
" 8 Rev. Ezra S. Gannett
" 9. Dr Zabdiel B. Adams
" 10. Joseph Head, Junr
" 11. Lemuel Shaw
" 12. Rev. John L. Blake.

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Jany 10. At a meeting of School Committee held at the room of the Mayor and Aldermen, Jany 10. 1828, at 4 o'clock P. M.: the Board was called to order by the Mayor, as Chairman. There were present, the Mayor, Aldermen Fennelly, Savage, Kendall, Hall, Upham, Armstrong, & of the Members from the Wards, Messrs Shaw, Eaton, Blake, Adams, Barrett, Bowdoin, Farnsworth, Fowle & Head.

Secretary. Mr. Savage was re-elected Secretary; which office, he having declined to accept on account of other duties, was filled by the choice of James Bowdoin.

Sub. com^{tees}. The Board was distributed into Sub-Committees, for the year 1828, as follows

Latin School.	English High School.	High School for Girls
Messrs Pickering,	Messrs Quincy,	Messrs Savage,
Upham,	Shaw,	Fennelly,
Barrett,	Loring,	Kendall,
Bowdoin,	Armstrong,	Hall,
Farnsworth,	Eaton,	Bradford,
Fowle,	Adams,	Blake,
Gannett.	Head.	Grosvenor.

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4. Eliot School.
Messrs Grosvenor,
Fennelly
Fowle.

5. Hancock School
Messrs Farnsworth,
Barrett,
Kendall.

6. Mayhew School
Messrs Loring,
Eaton,
Mead.

7. Bowdoin School.
Messrs Savage,
Bowdoin,
Gannett.

8. Boylston School
Messrs Pickering,
Bradford,
Armstrong.

9. Adams School
Messrs Adams,
Fowle,
Upham.

10. Franklin School.
Messrs Shaw,
Hall,
Mead.

South Boston School,
Messrs Quincy,
Loring,
Blake.

African School.
Messrs Quincy,
Barrett,
Bradford.

Voted, That the Secretary be authorized to procure a sufficient number of Lists of the School Committee, as distributed into Sub-Committees, to be printed for the use of the Board; & that there be appended thereto, a copy of the regulations of the School Committee, in relation to the duties of Sub-Committees.

Prim. Sch. Com.

A communication from Wm T. Andrews, Secretary of the Primary School Committee, containing the subjoined list of those gentlemen who now constitute the Primary School Committee or who have been nominated by the district Committees to supply vacancies which have occurred since the last meeting of the Board, was received; And being read, the following gentlemen, as named in said List, were constituted a Committee for the year ensuing,

District No. 1.
Henry Fowle, junr.
Samuel Ellis
William Knapp
[illegible] Ingraham
John Fenno, junr.
John W. James
Sebastian Streeter.

District No. 2.
Joseph Lewis
Nivian C. Betton
William Palfrey
Isaac T. Dupee
William Jones
Whitney Hall.

District No. 3.
Frederick T. Gray
Joseph W. McKean
Moses Grant
Thomas Wells
William Blaney
Thomas Power
John T. Loring (candidate)
Daniel Noyes
George A. Sampson
Sampson Reed
Samuel Howe
Benja A. Greene.

District No. 4.
Daniel Henchman
Francis Parkman.
Lewis G. Pray, Calvin Washburn,
John P. Sprague, George W. Otis
Hodges Reed, Thomas Wiley
Joseph Curtis.

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District No. 5.

Isaac Mansfield
Abiel Chandler
Nath! A. Barrett (candidate)
Edward Wigglesworth
Edward G. Davis
William T. Andrews
Joseph Tuckerman
Josiah F. Bumstead
Joshua P. Blanchard
Charles Stoddard
Louis Dwight
Chandler Robbins.

District No. 6.

Benjamin A. Gould Jan 7 10.
Samuel Davis
John Gulliver
John Lowell, Jun!
George B. Emerson
George A. Snelling.

District No. 7.

Gerry Fairbanks
Henry Hatch
William Taylor, Jun!
Bela Hunting
Francis Jackson
Thomas Hunting.

District No. 8.

Adam Bent.
Lemuel Capen,
Jeremy Drake.

High Sch. for Gils.

The Record of the last meeting being read, the Mayor suggested the propriety of appointing a Committee to consider a subject referred by the late board to the present, whether the High School for Girls shall be continued.

Mr. Savage remarked that though he had as a Member of the Common Council voted an appropriation to the High School for Girls, it was mainly with a view to make a public experiment of the system of mutual instruction — that he was opposed to the High School for Girls, & to the whole of the present system of instruction as regards the females — He therefore moved, that a Committee be raised to consider,

Whether the High School for Girls shall be continued; and the basis on which it shall be established: — Whether the Girls may not well be allowed to remain at the Grammar Schools, throughout the year; and whether the time of their continuance at these Schools may not advantageously be extended.

Dr. Adams proposed to add to the motion of Mr Savage, for the consideration of the same Committee, that the 4th Class in the Grammar Schools be given up, & its rules, studies & requirements be transferred to the Primary Schools: No vote was taken on this motion.

Mr. Fowle then proposed, that the same Committee be directed to consider the propriety of applying the principles of Mr. Savage's motion, regarding the Girls, to the Boys at the Public Schools; — & to report the reasons, why the system of instruction in relation to the one sex, should be made to differ from that of the other. The Mayor said he considered this a distinct subject; which Mr. F. might move after the appointment of the Committee: It was not, however, renewed.

The motion of Mr. Savage being adopted, Mr. Shaw moved, that it be referred to a Committee of Seven members; who were accordingly nominated by the Mayor, viz. the Mayor, Pickering, Armstrong, Fowle, Barrett, Adams & Farnsworth.

Ushers

The Mayor then called the attention of the Board to a motion of Dr. Adams, referred to this meeting, with regard to dispensing with Ushers in the Grammar Schools, & remarked that it involved the question of the introduction of the monitorial system into all the Schools.

Mr. Savage stated that the experiment was now making at the Mayhew, as well as at

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Boylston Sch. This motion being adopted by the Board, Dr. Adams moved a specific grant of 200 dollars to Dr. Fox on account of his extra labors as Monitorial Instructer at the Boylston School, as a gratuity & to distinguish it from common cases. Dr. Adams withdrew this motion in consequence of a suggestion from the Mayor, that the object might attained in another way.

Mr. Shaw then moved that a Committee be appointed to consider & report, if any & what compensation shall be made to any Masters, who shall proceed in the management of his school without the aid of an Usher: This being adopted, Mr. Savage moved that the Committee consist of Five; who were accordingly nominated by the Mayor viz. Messrs. Savage, Eaton, Upham, Bowdoin & Adams

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Feb. 12. A stated Quarterly meeting of the School Committee was held at the room of the Mayor and Aldermen, on Tuesday, Feb. 12. at 4 o'clock P. M. – Present the Mayor, Aldermen Loring, Fennelly, Savage, Kendall, Hall, Upham, Pickering and Armstrong, and Messrs. Grosvenor, Fowle, Farnsworth, Eaton, Barrett, Bowdoin, Gannett, Adams, Head, Shaw and Blake – Mr. Broadford, at Washington, being the only member absent.

After the Record of the last meeting had been read;

Secretary duties of. It was suggested by Mr. Bowdoin that in examining the Rules of the Board now in force, with a view to his duties as Secretary, he had found a provision requiring, as a part of the organization of the Board, the annual choice of a chairman, at its first meeting in January; that the organization, by such choice, was not completed at the late meeting; and, adverting to the words of the preamble to the Rules, that the School Committee is a co-ordinate branch of the City government by the Charter, added, that, as it was a part of the duty required by those who elected the several members, he entertained doubts if when Meeting as a Board they could dispense with the responsibility of that part of the organization.

Chairman After some debate on the subject, in which it said by the Mayor, who disclaimed any personal motives, that "he considered the person holding the office of mayor as being Chairman of the School Committee by force of the City Charter"; it was voted that a Committee of Five be appointed to take into consideration a revision of the Rules; & the Mayor, accordingly, appointed Messrs. Bowdoin, Pickering, Armstrong, Head & Grosvenor, a Committee for the purpose.

Usher Mr. Savage, as Chairman of a Committee appointed at the last meeting, read a Report recommending, for reasons therein assigned, "that in case of any vacancy, in the place of Usher at the English Grammar or ~~High~~ Writing School, the same should not be filled" – that the Board should not now "determine what compensation should be made to any Master, who shall proceed in the management of a School without an Usher"; but that "in the case of Mr. Fox, master of the Boylston School, who has, since the first week of April last, fulfilled, alone, the purposes of Government & instruction in said department of the School, for his extraordinary services and success, a grant of Two hundred dollars be made him, payable on his completion of the year from the beginning of said experiment." The Report was accepted.

Vaccination The Mayor read an order of the City authority, dated Feb. 4. empowering members of the School Committee & of the Primary School committee at their discretion to issue certificates to any Member of the Boston Medical Association to enable the inhabitants of the City to obtain gratuitous vaccination for their children: which certificates, printed in the form prescribed, were offered to the Members for use.

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Quarterly Reports.

The Secretary in conformity with the Rule, called for the Quarterly Reports of the Sub-Committees of the several Schools: That of the [1] Boylston School was read by Mr. Pickering; who assigned a reason for not having examined the [2] Latin School: That of the [3] English High School was read by the Mayor; & in conformity with a recommendation contained in it, the Committee on Books was directed to consider the propriety of introducing Stansbury's Catechism on the Constitution for study in this School.

Mr. Grosvenor stated that he was not prepared to Report on the [4] Eliot School, in consequence of it being divided, during the alteration of the house.

Dr. Farnsworth for the sub-committee of the [5] Hancock School, read a report, in which was noticed the method adopted by the Master of the Grammar department of said School for punishing refractory pupils, without the infliction of corporal punishment, by marks of disapprobation to be cancelled by those of approbation, & in the absence of the latter, by dismission from the School, with notice to the sub-committee & parents — readmission being obtained only thro' the means of the sub-committee & an acknowledgement by the delinquent of his misbehaviour. This mode of punishment, in consequence of a complaint understood to have been made by a parent, became the subject of discussion, which ended in a motion from Mr. Savage, that the report be accepted with a view to express an approval of the doings of the Master & sub-committee in its adoption. The report was, accordingly, accepted.

Mr. Loring said, that ill health had prevented him from examining the [6] Mayhew School.

Mr. Bowdoin read a report on the [7] Bowdoin School.

Mr. Shaw, supposing this to be a special meeting, was not prepared to report on the [8] Franklin School.

The Reports on the [9] South Boston, & the [10] African Schools were read by the Mayor; & in conformity with a recommendation in the latter report, the sub-committee of this School was authorized to furnish the Master with certain books — to make slight alterations for ventilating the School room, & to repair its benches.

Dr. Adams read a report on the [11] Adams School. — All which reports were then accepted.

Boylston Sch. The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Frederick Emerson, master of the Boylston School, with regard to the inconvenience attending the time of admission of the children from the Primary Schools, & proposing a remedy by an alteration of the time of examining these Schools: the letter was referred to the Committee of the Primary Schools for consideration.

The Secretary also reported quarterly returns, ending the 1st day of January last, from the Masters of the South Boston & the Adams Schools.

High Sch. for Girls The Mayor in behalf of the Committee, appointed at the last meeting, in regard to the continuance of the High School for girls, & the alteration of the present system of instruction of girls in the Grammar Schools, made an elaborate report on these subjects, to which was appended a series of resolutions, which if adopted were to be presented to the Common Council for appropriation of money required to make such alterations as were necessary for introducing the Monitorial System; & with a view of obtaining, thereby, the sanction of that branch of the City government.

After some explanations, from the Mayor, of the purport & intention of these resolutions, that they did not commit gentlemen in regard to the reasoning or the positions taken in the Report nor regarding the High School for girls; & suggestions on the part of Messrs Shaw, Pickering & others of the important changes proposed to be made, & on which they were not prepared to act, it was Voted, with a view to give time for consideration, that the Board adjourn to Thursday of the next week, at four o'clock: And, on motion of Mr. Loring, it was further voted, that a number of the Report

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In conformity with the Rule the sub-committees of the Latin, Eliot, Mayhew & Franklin Schools were enjoined to make their Reports at the adjourned meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned to Thursday, the 21st day of February current, at 4 o'clock.

Feb. 21. An adjourned meeting of the School Committee was held at the room of the Mayor and Aldermen, on Thursday, Feb. 21, at 4 o'clock P. M. — There were present, the Mayor, Aldermen Loring, Fennelly, Savage, Hall, Upham, Pickering & Armstrong, and Messrs Fowle, Farnsworth, Barrett, Bowdoin, Gannett, Adams, Mead, Shaw & Blake.

The sub-committees of the Schools, as enjoined, made their respective Reports — viz. of the Franklin School by Mr Shaw; of the Mayhew School by Mr Loring; of the Eliot School by Mr Grosvenor; & of the Latin School by Mr Pickering: All of which were accepted.

Com^tee on Books. On the nomination of the Mayor, Messrs Savage, Pickering, Grosvenor, Adams & Shaw were were chosen a Committee on Books.

High Sch. for Girls. The Report of the Committee, appointed Jany 10, on the continuance of the High School for Girls &c., which was read at the last meeting & had been printed & distributed in the interim, was moved for consideration: And on motion of Mr Savage the Votes appended to the Report [p. 36. 37], were taken up in their order.

On the first Vote, Mr. Shaw expressed, at some length, his doubts regarding the application of the proposed system to the Primary Schools.

The Mayor then explained, that these Votes had been carefully drawn up, with the intention of reserving in the hands of the School Committee all details &c.; and of avoiding any responsibility, on the part of the School Committee, if they should be adopted, for the plans, statements or reasoning in the Report itself.

Mr. Fowle, in answer to Mr. Shaw & Mr Bowdoin, said that difference in years was not required; nor on the other hand, was the difference in habits, capacities or discipline of children of four & those of eight years old, any hindrance to the successful use of the Monitorial system, nor an objection to uniting, as proposed, children of these dissimilar ages in such a School.

Mr. Gannett, then, moved a substitute for the first Vote, which underwent a modification in consequence of remarks from Dr. Adams, that the essential parts of the monitorial system had been successfully introduced into all the Grammar Schools; & from Mr Savage, that in 1821, the primary school Committee, of which he was then a member, had been satisfied with an experiment made, under their direction, by a Master procured from Albany; & subsequently continued by Mr. Fowle: and that more recently the monitorial system had been introduced into the High Schools for Boys, & for girls into two of our Grammar Schools — so that the experiment had been fully made here. Mr. Pickering, then, expressed his desire that the Votes should be so modified as to meet the views of every member of the Committee, & that the change to effected by them should be made gradually.

Monitorial Vote I. Mr. Gannett's substitute for the first Vote, as modified, was then adopted unanimously, in these words, viz "Voted, that in the opinion of the School Committee, it is for the interest of the City that the mutual or monitorial system of instruction should be introduced into two of the public Grammar and Writing Schools."

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Vote 2. line but one, the word, "if thought advisable", & was then unanimously adopted, as follows, viz. Voted, That, for the purposes expressed in the preceding vote, the Boylston and Bowdoin School-Houses ought to be fitted up in both the rooms of the Grammar and Writing departments, without delay, in the most approved manner, suitable for the instructing upon that system; and that for this purpose it be recommended to the City Council to appropriate for that the sum of Twenty four hundred dollars, to the end that both said School-houses may be prepared, and also the lower rooms in said School-houses, fitted up, if thought advisable, for Primary Schools, before the first of April next.

Vote 3. Vote 3d was without discussion, unanimously adopted as follows, viz. Voted, That the Chairman of this Committee transmit the preceding votes to the City Council, and request the appropriation therein specified.

Vote 4. On the 4th Vote remarks were made by Mr. Shaw, Mr. Gannett and others, which resulted in striking it out, & inserting in lieu thereof the following, drawn up by the Mayor to meet the views of different gentlemen, which was then unanimously adopted, viz. Voted that .. .. be a Committee with authority to communicate to the Primary School Committee, the views contained in the preceding Report; and in conjunction with that Committee to devise such modifications of the present system of those Schools, as shall be expedient and practicable, and lay the same before the Board for its consideration and sanction.

It was then voted on nomination of the Mayor, that the execution of the provisions of this 4th vote, be intrusted to the same Committee that made the Report on the High School for Girls; viz. The mayor, Messrs. Pickering, Armstrong, Fowle, Barrett, Adams and Farnsworth. Mr. Pickering was excused and Mr Savage substituted.

Schools. Mr. Gannett then made a further motion, which being reduced to writing by the Mayor, was unanimously adopted as follows, viz. Voted That the same Committee be authorized to consider the new branches to be introduced into the Grammar and writing Schools; and the extention of the time of females in those Schools; and the mode in which the same shall be introduced; and to report, as soon as practicable, to this Committee.

On motion of the Mayor, it was then Voted, that the usual request be made to the Mayor and Aldermen to fit up the Bowdoin and Boylston School-houses, in the manner proposed, if the City Council should make the necessary appropriations.

The above named Committee having been empowered to call the Board together, when deemed necessary, the Meeting was dissolved.

April 4. A special meeting of the School Committee was held, by direction of the Chairman of the Committee empowered at the last meeting, at the room of the Mayor and Aldermen, on Friday April 4th at 7 o'clock, P. M. Present, The Mayor, Aldermen Loring, Savage, Hall, Upham & Armstrong, & Messrs Fowle, Farnsworth, Bowdoin, Gannett, Head & Shaw. [12.]

National Spelling book. The Mayor stated that the meeting had been called with a view to act upon a Report of the Committee on Books, recommending the introduction of Mr. B. D. Emerson's (master of the Adams School) "National Spelling book" into the English Grammar Schools.

Mr. Savage, the Chairman of the Committee on Books, regretted that through inadvertence, he had not brought with him the recommendations of the Instructers of those Schools.

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April 4. The Mayor remarked, that the instructers had spoken very favourably of the book; & that the Report of the Committee on Books was also in its favour.

Mr. Fowle then went into a pretty full examination of the book: which, he thought, more than usually objectionable — Amongst other things, he objected to the use of different forms of letters for denoting sounds — to the want of classification of words — to the plan used with reference to diphthongal sounds &c. — and to its whole system as differing from that of the books used in the Primary Schools; & from that of Murray and Alger, which were now in use by direction of the Committee, in which, though in many particulars the same figures were used, yet they were employed to express something different from the same figures in Mr Emerson's book — He hoped, that ere long a book would be carefully prepared under the immediate direction & supervision of this Committee.

Mr. Savage remarked that the Committee on Books were not unanimous — that its members had, on account of other avocations & the urgency of the Instructers, time enough to give the book a thorough examination — that the Instructers were very desirous to have the book adopted prior to the admission of the Girls into the Schools, on the 1st Monday in April — for himself, he was not prepared to recommend the adoption of the book, several of the objections made by Mr Fowle not being new to his mind — that he had wished for more time, but the object of the Instructers could not be attained, if any delay were had; and hence he had acceded to the proposal for the present meeting —

Mr. Shaw, then, enforced his views in favour of the adoption of the books; at least temporarily; considering it the best he had seen — Mr. Pickering another of the Committee on books, had examined it, and, he believed, if present, would have been in favour of its adoption by the present meeting, as he had been in the Committee — Mr. Shaw had, till now, supposed the Committee on books, of which he was a member, to have been unanimous.

Mr Bowdoin remarked, that he, perhaps, was a prejudiced judge on questions similar to the present — that he had so often known children to convert hyphens & other marks into pauses, as to have led him to view much of the modern machinery for pronunciation &c. in school books, tho' well enough for Instructers, as stumbling-blocks to their pupils: — That he had not been able to give this book such an examination, as it merited; — one defect however, then struck him, which was in the junction of some of the marks to the common letters, so as, to the eye of a child, to be new letters in our alphabet: — Several of the objections of Mr. Fowle, he thought well laid: — but, he submitted, that the merits of this book, of which he would express no decided opinion, might now be waived; & that to his mind, as well from the remarks of Mr Fowle as from the claim of Mr Emerson to originality of plan, the question now before the Board was, in fact, one involving a total change in the books now used at the English grammar Schools; — for if the system of Mr. E's book differs from that of the books used in the Primary Schools, then what was learnt in the latter, in early life, must be useless at best when these children are advanced to the Eng. Gram. Schools; — and if Mr. E's system differs from that of Murray & Alger, now used in the Eng. Gram. Schools, and particularly if the same marks and figures are used to denote different sounds & objects in these books, — he thought that loss of time in learning and unlearning, confusion and want of confidence in the minds of the pupils must be the consequence: — Hence if Mr. E's book were to be the standard, the others must forthwith be withdrawn from use in the Schools, to the great pecuniary loss of the Citizens; & no others, he thought, could be prepared on the spur of the moment to conform to Mr. E's system.

After some remarks from other gentlemen, in which was noticed the small number of the Committee present, it was voted, That the consideration of the subject be referred to the next meeting of the Board;

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April 4. and, in the mean time, be recommended to the Committee on Books for consideration.

Latin Sch. The resignation of Mr. B. A. Gould as Master of the Latin School, after the last day of May next, was accepted: and the letter of Mr Gould was referred to the sub-committee of said School, with a view to report an expression of the School Committee, of the valuable services rendered by Mr. G. in his station.

It was Voted, that the Secretary make the usual advertisement for an instructer in the place of Mr Gould Ten days before the next Quarterly meeting.

The Mayor reported that he had received from the Sec. of the Commonwealth, the form of the annual Returns of the Schools in the City required by Statute - And the Secretary was appointed a Committee to act upon the subject.

A letter from the City auditor, on the subject of Ink for the Schools, was referred to Messrs. Armstrong and Stead.

Peabody. A letter to the Mayor from Mr Pickering transmitting a request of Dr. Nath. Peabody that a son may be admitted to the Latin School was read; & it not being within the Rule, was referred to the Sub-committee of that School, with full powers to admit the lad, if thought proper.

The meeting was then dissolved -

May 13. A Quarterly Meeting of the School Committee was held, at the room of the Mayor and Aldermen, on Tuesday, May 13th, at 4 o'clock P. M.: Present, the Mayor, Aldermen Loring, Tennelly, Savage, Kendall, Hall, Upham, and Armstrong; & from the wards, Messrs Grosvenor, Farnsworth, Bowdoin, Bradford, Gannett, Adams, Stead, Shaw & Blake - (17.)

Quarterly returns On the call of the Sec'y for the Quarterly Reports of Sub-committees of the different Schools, That of the English High School was read by the Mayor; of the Hancock School by Dr. Farnsworth; of the Mayhew School by Mr. Loring; of the Bowdoin School by Mr. Savage; of the Boylston School by Mr. Bradford; of the Adams School by Dr. Adams; of the Franklin School by Mr. Shaw; of the South Boston School by the Mayor; of the African School also by the Mayor, and in conformity with a recommendation in this latter report, the sub-committee of the School was authorized to direct the repair of benches and seats. No Report regarding the Latin School, or the Eliot School was read: Mr. Pickering, chairman of the Sub-Com^tee of the first, being absent; and Mr. Grosvenor of the latter, having been prevented by other duties from attending to the subject.

Dennie Wd. 5. Mr. Savage read a Petition addressed to the City Council by Thos. Dennie & others, inhabitants of Ward No. 5, which had been referred to the School Committee for an opinion whether the wants of the Petitioners can be satisfied by the Derne Street & Hawkins Street Schools: On motion of Mr. Savage the subject was committed to the Sub-Committees of the Bowdoin & Mayhew Schools.

Ink The Mayor read a Report of Messrs. Armstrong & Stead, a Committee appointed at the last meeting, on the subject of Ink for the Schools; which was accepted & referred to the City Auditor to make a contract according to its recommendations.

The Secretary having published a notice, as requested at the last meeting, for a Master of the Latin School, in the place of Mr. Gould, resigned; the Mayor read two applications,

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the one from Mr. Rimmer [illegible], the other from Mr. Fred. P. Leverett, the sub-master of the Latin School.

Mr Loring expressed a wish that the salary of the master of the Latin School, which had been alluded to at a former period, might be fixed before the place was filled – the present salary, $2000, was, he said, by many thought too high: – Mr. Hall thought that the appropriation of the salary having already been made by the City Council, the proper time to consider the subject of reduction was at the end of the year, in August. A discussion ensued, in which several members participated, on this point, on its appearance as regards the master to be appointed & on his feelings.

Mr. Hall then moved that the salary be reduced at the end of the year, and after a debate in which Messrs. Kendall, Tennelly, Hall, Armstrong, Bradford, the Mayor & Mr Savage took a part, the question was put, shall a Committee be raised to consider the question of reducing the salaries of instructers generally; & passed in the negative.

Latin sch. master. Salary

The motion of Mr Loring, seconded by Mr Armstrong, which had been before made, was then adopted by the Committee, viz. that the salary of the Master of the Latin School be now fixed at Eighteen hundred Dollars per annum.

Eng. High sch.

Mr. Bradford, then, moved that a Committee be appointed to consider of the reduction of the salary of the master of the English High School to $1800; which was modified at the suggestion of Mr Savage and adopted as follows, that a Committee be chosen to consider what annual compensation shall be made to Masters and Ushers in the different schools; and Seven having been voted as the number of the Committee, the Mayor nominated Messrs. Savage, Armstrong, Bradford, Farnsworth, Gannett, Shaw & Bowdoin.

Latin sch. master. Mr.

Votes were then received for a Master of the Latin School, & being counted by the City Clerk, Seventeen ballots were found & have been cast, fifteen of which were for Mr. Fred. P. Leverett, who was accordingly declared to have been elected.

Adams Sch.

A letter from Mr. B. D. Emerson, dated April 8., resigning his place of Master of the Adams School, was read by the Mayor; & the resignation accepted to take effect at the close of the present quarter, ending with the present month.

The Secretary was directed to give public notice for applications to fill the place of Master of the Adams School.

After some remarks on fixing the day to which the Committee shall adjourn, principally with reference to the busy period of Election week, it was Voted, that when the Committee adjourn, it be to Tuesday next, the 20th inst. at four o'clock P.M.; and that the choice of a Master in the place of Mr Emerson, be then made.

The Sub-Committees of the Latin & Eliot schools were enjoined, according to Rule, to make Quarterly Reports at the adjourned meeting.

National Spelling Book

Mr. Savage then read a Report of the Committee on Books, recommending the adoption into the English Grammar Schools, of Mr. Emerson's National Spelling book, after certain alterations shall have been made as recommended in the Report.

Mr. Savage said, the Committee had bestowed a good deal of time & attention on the subject.

Mr. Bowdoin, then, suggested that the report of the Committee on books was confined to the value of the book itself; but that it had been asserted at the late meeting, & the assertion was in accordance with the claim of Mr. Emerson to originality as set forth in his preface, that the system of Mr. E. differed very materially from that of the books now used in the Primary instruction, and also from that of Murray & Alger, books next in course in the English Grammar Schools: Mr. B. not having had leisure to examine for himself, wished for information from any gentlemen present, whether these differences & it

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may 13 might be inconsistencies, were such, as by the adoption of Mr Emerson's book, to render it necessary or very advisable on the part of this board, to withdraw the spelling & reading books now in use in the Primary & Engl. Grammar Schools. This Mr. B. thought a serious question & worthy of enquiry, as well considering the expense involved, as the difficulty of obtaining books yet to be compiled conformably to Mr. E's system; if it should be found inconsistent with the other books, & for the change of which no proposition was now made — At any rate, he wished to know the extent of his vote before he should give it.

After some discussion, gentlemen not having had their attention drawn distinctly to this point, it was voted on motion of Mr. B. seconded by Mr Gannett, that the subject be referred to the Committee on books to consider if there be or be not such "discrepancies" & differences between the system of Mr. E's Natural Spelling book, & that of the books (Murray, Alger & the Primary Sch.) now used, as that its adoption would lead to inconvenience or the necessity of substituting others in the place of the latter books in the English Grammar Schools: & to Report at the adjourned meeting.

The choice of a Committee for the Annual Examination of all the Schools, was deferred to the adjourned meeting:

As was also a motion of Mr Savage, that the Girls be allowed to remain the whole year in the English Grammar Schools.

The Meeting was then adjourned.

May 20. An adjourned meeting of the School Committee was held, at the room of the Mayor & Aldermen, on Tuesday, May 20th, at 4 o'clock P.M. — Present the Mayor, Aldermen Loring, Fennelly, Savage, Kendall, Hall, Upham, Pickering & Armstrong; and from the Wards, Messrs Grosvenor, Fowle, Farnsworth, Barrett, Bowdoin, Bradford, Gannett, Adams, Head, Shaw & Blake — [20]

Exam. Com. On nomination by the Mayor, the two Committees for the Annual Examination in May or June of Schools, consisting of Three members each [as required by Rule 5th of Sec 1. p. 5. as alter'd in Nov. 1827] were chosen; viz. For the English Grammar department, Messrs Shaw, Upham & Gannett; for the Writing department, Messrs Armstrong, Grosvenor & Head. The sub-Committees of the Latin & High Schools were, also, reminded, that by the same Rule, it was made their duty to make a similar annual examination of their respective Schools.

Quarterly reports, regarding the Latin & Eliot Schools, enjoined at the last meeting, were read; the first by Mr Bowdoin & the last by Mr. Grosvenor.

Guild A letter, complimentary to Mr Gould on his relinquishing the charge of the Latin School, submitted by Mr Pickering in conformity with a vote of April 4th, was read, & adopted, to be signed by the Mayor in behalf of the Board.

The Committee on books to whom a report made at the last meeting was recommitted with specified instructions, made an additional report by their chairman, Mr Savage, :— that they "have not found any reason to conclude, that other books would be necessarily called for" in the Primary or Eng. Grammar Schools, in consequence of the introduction of the National Spelling book"; "and further that the variation in Mr. Emerson's book is only by addition, not by change or substitution in any particular"; the Committee, therefore, again recommended the introduction of the book into the Eng. Gram. Schools, after the alterations recommended in their former report shall have been made.— Several gentlemen having said that Mr. Emerson

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May 20. had expressed to them a willingness to make these alterations; and Mr Fowle having remarked that he had found no reason to alter his opinions expressed at a late meeting, & therefore felt bound to give a silent vote against the book — the question was put, shall the Report of the Committee be accepted, & it passed in the affirmative. — Subsequently the Secretary was directed to

Nat. Spel. books give notice of the adoption of the National Spelling books, according to the abovementioned report, to the masters of the several Schools; cautioning them, at the same time, that its introduction is to cause no additional expense to the pupils.

Boylston Sch. A letter was read from Mr. Pickering chairman of the Sub-committee of the Boylston School, which endorsed a bill for a black-board and some books for the writing department of that School: After a discussion in regard to the payment of these bills, Messrs Loring & Armstrong were appointed a Committee to report, at the next meeting, on the propriety of furnishing either department of all the Schools with black-boards, at the expense of the City: And the Sub-committee of the Boylston School was, then, empowered to furnish the School with the usual blanks & class books.

The applications, nine in number, accompanied with numerous recommendations for the place of Master in the Adams School, which had been received in consequence of the Secretary's advertisement, were read in alphabetical order.

Adams Sch. In consequence of the number & strong recommendations of the Candidates, Mr Shaw moved that votes be given in with three names upon each, & that the election be confined to the three persons having the greatest number of votes on this ticket. A debate ensued, in which many of the members took a part, regarding the fairness of this method in reference to the candidates, the saving of time by this mode of selection, & the precedents in such cases: Mr. Shaw's motion was then adopted: and votes were accordingly received & declared by the City Clerk.

A balloting then took place for one of the three candidates thus fixed upon, & the City Clerk reported that Mr. Samuel Barrett had received Ten out of Nineteen votes: Mr. Barrett was accordingly declared to have been elected Grammar Master of the Adams School.

Books On motion of Mr Fowle, prefaced with some remarks regarding the want of interest felt by the pupils in the reading books in which Mr Fowle said that it was not his wish to withdraw the New Testament wholly from use in the Schools, it was Voted, that the Committee on books take into consideration the Reading books of the 2d, 3d & 4th classes in the English Grammar Schools, in order to ascertain if better books cannot be substituted, or a better arrangement of the present books be devised, with a view to increase the interest of the pupils in their exercises.

Latin Sch. A letter from Mr. F. P. Leverett, addressed to the Secretary, accepting the place of Master of the Latin School, was read.

It having been ascertained that the number of pupils in the Latin School made four instructers necessary by the Rule, and that the 4th instructer was required at an early day, a discussion took place with reference to the choice of an additional instructer — whether an Usher, or a Sub-master should be chosen, and whether the salary of the Sub-master should be reduced in proportion with that of the Master. A suggestion was made that a Sub-master was necessary in consequence of Mr. Leverett's having the School to organize, & the duty & anxiety of sending back to College; & that the salary might be fixed, as at the last meeting in the case of Mr Leverett, prior to the election. And it was then, Voted, that the Secretary advertise for applications for the place of Sub-master of the Latin School; and that the election take place at the adjourned meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned to this day fortnight, Tuesday June 3. at 4 o'clock P. M.

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June 3.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee was held at the room of the Mayor and Aldermen on Tuesday, June 3d at 4 o'clock P.M. – Present, the Mayor, Aldermen, Loring, Fennelly, Savage, Hall and Armstrong – and from the wards, Messrs Fowle, Farnsworth, Barrett, Bowdoin, Gannett, Adams & Mead. [13.]

A letter was read from Wm. S. Barrett accepting the place of English Grammar Master of the Adams School.

After a discussion on the subject of reducing the salary of the Sub-master of the Latin School to conform with that of the Master of that School, principally with regard to the ratio of reduction, It was voted, that the salary of the Sub-master of the Latin School be now fixed at One thousand dollars.

salary of sub-master of the Latin school.

Applications from four gentlemen for the place of sub-master of the Latin School, which had been received in consequence of the public notice given by the Secretary, were then read, together with the recommendations accompanying them: After which a balloting took place, & the City Clerk having received & counted the votes, reported that Wm. Samuel Parker, the present usher of the School, had received every ballot cast, being 13. Wm. S. Parker was accordingly declared to have been elected sub-master of the Latin School.

It being suggested that after the Commencements at the Colleges, the City might have a choice of some of the best Scholars to fill the place of Usher, the sub-committee of the Latin School was empowered to procure any temporary assistance in the School, till Commencement, if deemed necessary. And Mr. Armstrong's motion was then adopted, that the Sub-Committee of the Latin School be requested to consider the subject of the proportion of pupils to instructers in that School, as indicated by the Rules, with a view to reduce the number of the latter.

The Sec'y reported that in consequence of the private nature of some of the questions put in the form of the Annual Return to the State, that had been committed to him, he had not deemed it expedient to attempt a compliance further than an approximation grounded on authentic documents in regard to the Private Schools. It was then Voted that the Sec'y include in his return, such an approximation as he had made; together with the return of the Public Schools, which are within the control of this Board.

Girls to remain in Sch. the whole year.

Mr. Savage then renewed a motion made by him at a former meeting, that the Girls be permitted to remain in the Eng. Gram. Schools the year round: which underwent some discussion, Mr Bowdoin suggesting his doubts, arising from an admitted fact, that even under the present regulations, the boys with the advantage of four months' additional instruction, with the undivided attention of the Masters, were behind the girls in attainments. The motion of Mr Savage was, adopted.

Dr. Adams moved that the girls now in the Schools be permitted to remain till Sixteen years old. – And Mr. Fowle said, that he should follow Dr. Adams's motion with another, that no children be admitted to the Eng. Gram. Schools under Eight years of age. These motions, after a discussion were referred to the next meeting, with a view to obtain the opinion of a fuller Board.

Add'l Studies

Dr. Adams then moved, that a Committee be raised to consider & report a course of additional studies, to be required of the girls in consequence of the increase of time allowed them in the Schools – which being adopted & the number of the Committee voted to be five, the following gentlemen were chosen, viz. Messrs. Pickering, Fowle, Adams, Gannett & Barrett.

Dr. Adams then moved, that the sub-committees of Bowdoin & Boylston Schools be directed to proceed forthwith in filling up those School houses, in the most approved method for the ad-

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June 3. tial, or monitorial system - in accordance with the votes of the Committee sometime since submitted to the City Council for an appropriation - Dr. Adams remarked that a gentleman of the law had given it as his opinion, that the School Committee had the power to do this.

A pretty general discussion took place, in which Mr. Fowle suggested a way in which he thought the School Committee could indirectly effect alter the school houses - the Mayor expressed an unwillingness to force a measure of the kind against a determination of the Common Council - and Mr. Bowdoin added that he thought any system would be abortive if opposed by public sentiment & particularly by the parents at home - He had, however, no doubt that all or most of the school houses could be much improved - and therefore suggested, with Mr. Gannett that the vote should be so modified as to include other school houses.

Boylston & Bowdoin Sch. After several modifications & debate upon them, Dr. Adams's motion was adopted in the following words, viz. "That the Mayor & Aldermen be a Committee & requested to consider a new & more improved arrangement than at present exists of the Boylston & Bowdoin School houses, & after an interview with the respective schoolmasters of those schools should they deem it expedient then to proceed forthwith to take measures to cause the same to be effected, if it shall be found practicable."

The Meeting was then dissolved.

July 22. At a Meeting of the School Committee, agreeably to notification, 22d. July 1828, present, the Mayor, Mr. Loring, Mr. Savage, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pickering, Mr. Upham, Mr. Shaw, Rev. Messrs. Grosvenor & Barrett, Dr. Adams, Mr. Head & Mr. Fowle. [12]

Sec. pro tem. The Chairman was appointed Secretary, pro temp. in the absence of the Secretary of the Committee.

Primary Sch. rooms to be hired The Mayor communicated a Resolve of the City Council authorizing the School Committee to cause to be hired a sufficient number of school rooms, in such location & of such size, as after consultation with the primary School Committee, they shall deem expedient -

Whereupon Voted, that the Mayor and Aldermen Loring & Armstrong be a sub-committee to carry the same into effect.

School houses repairs The Mayor also communicated a resolve of the City Council authorizing the school Committee to apply any surplus, which may exist in the appropriation for salaries, & compensation for instructers during the present year to the repairs of school houses - provided such transfer do not exceed Sixteen hundred dollars - Whereupon, Voted, that the Mayor and Aldermen be a sub-committee to carry the same into effect.

Adjourned. Above transcript of proceedings
Josiah Quincy Chr. Sec. pro temp.

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August 12th

A Quarterly meeting of the School Committee was held at the Room of the Mayor and Aldermen on Tuesday August 12th, at 4 o'clock P.M. : Present, The Mayor, Aldermen Fennelly, Savage, Kendall, Hall, Upham & Armstrong; & Messrs Grosvenor, Fowle, Farnsworth, Barrett, Bowdoin, Gannett, Adams, Head, Shaw & Blake. [17]

Quarterly Rts

Quarterly Reports of the sub-committees of the several schools were received & read, viz. That of the Eng. High School, by the Mayor; of the Eliot School by Mr. Grosvenor; of the Hancock School by Dr. Farnsworth; of the Mayhew School (sent) by Mr. Loring; of the Bowdoin School by Mr. Savage; of the Adams School by Dr. Adams, also a separate report by Mr Fowle; of the Franklin School by Mr. Shaw; of the South Boston & African schools by the Mayor. And the sub-committees of the Latin & Boylston Schools were enjoined to report at the adjourned meeting.

A Report of the Committee for the Annual examination of the Writing department in all the Schools was read by Mr. Armstrong: And a Report of a similar examination in the English Grammar department was read by Mr Shaw.

A letter from Mr. Leverett, master of the Latin School, giving notice that the place of Usher in that School would shortly become vacant, was read by the Mayor: After some remarks upon the necessity of another Usher in the School, the subject was postponed to the next meeting.

The Secretary read the doings of the sub-Committee of the Latin School in regard to the temporary appointment of Mr. Bradford to the place of Usher, as empowered at the late meeting; together with Mr. Bradford's letter of acceptance; and also the doings of the same sub-committee with regard to the suspension of a Lad & the punishment of others, members of said School - their names being omitted by consent.

Salaries

A Report on the compensation of all the Instructers in the Schools, containing a schedule, was read by Mr Savage, chairman of a Committee appointed for the purpose at a former meeting.

Mast. of Eng. High School

After an explanation with regard to the reduction of the salary of the Master of the Eng. High School, that it had no personal reference but was intended to place him upon the same footing with the Master of the Latin School, viz $1800 per ann.; and a further remark that this was the only alteration from the salaries of the present time, proposed to be made, the Report was accepted.

Visitation

The division of the Committee into sub-Committees for the Annual Visitation of the Schools, on Wednesday of the next week, was committed to the Mayor & the Secretary.

On motion of Dr. Farnsworth the sub-Committees of the Schools were directed to furnish the City Clerk with the names of the successful candidates for the Franklin medals before 12 o'clock on Saturday next.

Medals

After some remarks by different gentlemen on the expediency of making known the names of the successful candidates for medals, a motion of Mr Shaw was adopted in the following words, viz. "Voted that the sub-Committee of each School, after having awarded medals, communicate the names of the successful competitors to them personally, or thro' their Instructers, previously to the day of exhibition".

Doubts having been suggested with regard to the power of the sub-Committees to appropriate less than six medals at each School, in case there were not so many pupils deserving them, the following motion of Dr. Adams was adopted. "Voted that the Special Committee for awarding the annual medals shall have the power to award as many medals [not exceeding six to the boys & six to the girls] as they shall think proper, but at the Same

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Aug^st 12. [South Boston] school not exceeding Four medals".

Instructors

The Committee then proceeded to the choice of Instructors of all the schools for the ensuing year, by hand vote; and the following gentlemen were declared to have been elected, viz. Latin School, Fred. P. Leverett, master; Saml P. Parker, Sub-master; Ch^s K. Dillaway, Usher. Eng. High School, S. P. Miles, Master; Wm Clough & Epes Sargent Dixwell, Ushers.

Eliot School, Cornelius Walker Eng. Gram. Master, Elisha Webb, Writing Master
Levi Conant " Usher
Hancock School, N. K. G. Oliver " Master, Peter McIntosh Junr " Master
Joseph Bailey " Usher, Jacob H. Kent, " Usher
Mayhew School, John Frost " Master
Benjamin Callender " Usher
Bowdoin School, Abraham Andrews " Master James Robinson, Junr " Master
Saml T. Adams " Usher Barnabas Whitney " Usher
Boylston School, Charles Fox " Master, Fred. P. Emerson, " Master
Abel Wheeler, " Usher
Adams School, Samuel Barrett " Master, Jonathan Snelling " Master
Oliver March, " Usher
Franklin School, Wm J. Adams " Master, Otis Pierce " Master
Jarvis Lincoln " Usher, George Tracker " Usher
Hawes, S^th Boston, Sch Barnum Field " Master
African School William Bascom, Master.

Mr E. O. Fifield was not re-elected Usher of the Eliot School; nor was Mr Benjamin Holt re-elected Writing master of the Mayhew School. The choice of Mr A. C. Davidson, Usher of the Adams School was deferred to the next quarterly meeting

On motion of the Mayor, the Secretary was directed to give notice to Mr Fifield & Mr Holt that they were not re-elected; & to inform them of a vote passed by the Committee, that their salaries were continued for another quarter of a year.

Mayhew Sch.

The Secretary was also directed to advertise, as usual, for applications to fill the place of writing master of the Mayhew School; the choice to take place at the adjourned meeting, which had been fixed for Friday of the next week [Aug. 22^d] at 4 o'clock P.M.

W^d 5. new School

Mr Savage, Chairman of a Committee appointed at a former meeting on the petition of citizens of Ward No. 5. for a School-house to be erected in that ward, made a detailed report against granting the prayer of the petition as unnecessary, & out of the common course, the schools never having been erected with a view to the limits of wards - which was read & accepted.

The Meeting was then adjourned to Friday, August 22^d, at 4 o'clock P. M.

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Aug. 22d

An adjourned Meeting of the School Committee was held at the room of the Mayor and Aldermen, on Friday, August 22, at 4 o'clock P.M. - Present the Mayor, Aldermen Loring, Tennelly, Savage, Kendall, Hall, Pickering & Armstrong; & from the Wards, Messrs Fowle, Farnsworth, Barrett, Bowdoin, Gannett, Adams & Head - [15.]

An annual & Quarterly Report on the Latin School; & a quarterly Report on the Boylston, both by Mr. Pickering, were read.

Mayhew Sch.

Applications, eleven in number, accompanied with recommendations for the place of Writing Master of the Mayhew School, which had been received in consequence of the Secretary's advertisement as directed by the Board, were read in alphabetical order.

It was then voted that ballots be cast for the election of a master, & if there be no choice, that the next balloting be confined to the Three having the greatest number of votes.

The City Clerk having received and counted the votes reported that of Fifteen votes cast for Five candidates, Two gentlemen had received Five votes each, & Two others, two votes each.

The 2d. ballot was of course confined to Four candidates, & the City Clerk having counted the votes reported that of Fifteen, the whole number cast, Mr. Benjamin Callender, usher of the Mayhew School, had received nine votes; & he was accordingly declared to have been elected Writing Master of the said School.

B. Callender ch. W. mast. of the Mayhew sch.

Ushers

After some remarks from different gentlemen in regard to allowing the Masters of the schools to choose their Ushers & to fix their salaries, Mr Bowdoin objecting, It was Voted, on motion of Mr Pickering that a Committee of Five be raised to consider whether any alterations shall be made in the mode of appointing Ushers, & of their compensation, and the following gentlemen nominated by the Mayor were chosen, viz Aldermen Pickering, Savage & Armstrong, & Mr Fowle - The Mayor was on motion added & Mr. Barrett chosen in the place of Mr. Pickering who was excused at his request.

Mr. Pickering suggested that the Sub-Committee of the Latin School were desirous to have instruction from the Board regarding the appointment of an Usher in that School - the place being now vacant & the school with the new pupils opening at the end of a fortnight -

On motion of Mr Savage the subject was referred to the adjourned meeting; & the time of adjournment was fixed for Five weeks from this day [Sept. 26] at 4 o'clock P.M.

The meeting was then adjourned accordingly.

Sept. 26.

An adjourned Meeting of the School Committee was held at the room of the Mayor & Aldermen on Friday, Sept. 26, at 4 o'clock P.M: Present, the Mayor, Aldermen Loring, Savage, Kendall, Hall, Upham, Pickering & Armstrong; & from the Wards, Messrs Grosvenor, Fowle, Eaton, Bowdoin, Gannett, Adams, Head & Blake - [16.]

Mayhew

The Mayor reported two letters from Mr. John Frost of the Mayhew School; the one resigning his place of Master in said School; the other applying for the allowance of his salary to the end of the Quarter. The latter was referred to the Sub-Committee of the same School for a report.

Franklin

A letter was read from Messrs Adams & Peirce of the Franklin school, enclosing

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Sept. 26. an application that four lads may be permitted to remain in said School after they have passed the age limited by the rules: The letter was referred to the Sub Committee of the School, with power to grant the petition if thought best.

Nat. Sp. Bk. The Secretary drew the attention of the Board to the vote introducing Mr Emerson's Nat. Spelling book, which he understood to contain the express condition that it should be without cost to children already having books. The Secy remarked, that a different construction had been given in one instance & the expense fallen heavily on the Asylum for Indigent Boys. The vote, as passed, was then read, & the construction given by the Secretary approved.

The Secretary explained to the Committee the reasons for his having advertized for applications to fill the place of Mr Frost in the Mayhew School, without any directions from the Board: that it was at the request of the Mayor & Aldermen, in order to save the trouble of another meeting, & there being the usual time for such applications prior to the present meeting. The Mayor made a similar statement of his reasons for requesting it, remarking that the election might be deferred & another advertisement made, if the reasons given were not deemed sufficient to do away the informality.

Mayhew Sch. Applications from seven individuals, accompanied with recommendations for the place of English Grammar Master in the Mayhew School which had been received in consequence of the public notice given by the Secretary, were then read:

It was then voted that ballots be cast for a person to fill the place, & that no choice took place, on the first voting, that the next voting should be confined to the Three candidates having the highest number of ballots.

R. G. Parker ch. Eng. Gr. M. of Mayhew School. The City Clerk having received & counted the ballots, reported that of Sixteen, the whole number cast, Mr Richard G. Parker had received Ten; & he was accordingly declared to have been elected.

The subject of an additional usher, being a fourth instructer, in the Latin School, now containing 155 pupils, which had been referred to this meeting, on the request of the Mast. of the School for such appointment, was then discussed at much length, on a motion of Mr Pickering, that an Usher be appointed. Several gentlemen took part in the discussion & adverted as well to the Rule fixing the proportion of instructers to pupils in the Latin & Eng. High School, as to the power of Masters to instruct large numbers of pupils in the Latin & Greek languages. The question being taken on Mr Pickering's motion an equivote occurred & the Mayor gave his casting vote in favor of the existing rule. The Secretary was accordingly directed to advertize for applications to fill the place of Usher in the Latin School, the election to be made at the adjourned meeting.

Mr Fowle then moved, that the Sub-Committee of the Eng. High School consider the propriety of having a Sub-master at that School; which was accordingly referred.

The Meeting was then adjourned to next Wednesday week, Oct. 8th, at Four o'clock P.M.

Oct. 8. An adjourned meeting of the School Committee was held at the room of the Mayor & Aldermen, on Wednesday, Oct. 8. at 4 o'clock P.M. — Present, The Mayor, Aldermen Loring, Savage, Kendall, Hall, Upham Pickering, & Armstrong; and from the Wards, Messrs Fowle, Eaton, Barrett, Bowdoin, Bradford, Adams, Head & Blake — [16.]

Three applications, accompanied with recommendations, for the place of Usher in the Latin School, received in consequence of the Secretary's advertisement, were read. After which, votes being received by the Mayor for one of the three candidates, it was found, that of Fifteen ballots, being the whole number cast, eight were for Mr Geo: Partridge Bradford; who was accordingly declared to have

Mr G. P. Bradford ch. Usher of Latin School.

been elected.

Latin Sch. A letter from Mr. Sam[l] P. Parker resigning his place of Sub-Master of the Latin School was read and accepted.

A long discussion then took place, arising out of a motion of Mr Fowle to refer to a Committee the question of having a sub-master both at the Latin & the Eng. High School, he considering the same reasons applicable to both Schools. Many motions and amendments ended in the adoption of the following Votes, viz. I. That the Sub-Committee appointed at the last meeting to consider of the propriety of creating the place of sub-master in the Eng. High School, be discharged: II. That the Secretary advertise for applications & recommendations to fill the place of Sub-Master in the Latin School, taking notice in the Advertisement that a knowledge of Mathematics was required: The election to take place on the first Tuesday of November next, the day fixed for the adjourned meeting: and III. That a Special Committee be raised to consider the expediency of having a Sub-Master in the Eng. High School.

Eng. High Sch.

The number of the Committee were then voted to be Seven; & the following gentlemen, being nominated by the Mayor, were chosen members, viz. Mr Pickering, who was excused, Messrs Savage Barrett, Fowle, Shaw, Eaton, Adams & Armstrong; to whom the Mayor was afterwards added.

Mayhew Sch. A letter was read from Mr R. G. Parker, Master of the Eng. Dep[t] of the Mayhew School requesting the appointment of an Usher for his aid. The application was referred to the Sub-Committee of that School, with authority to cause an advertisement to be made by the Secretary to fill the place, if upon consultation with the said Master of the School, it be deemed expedient.

An opinion was expressed that if the Sub-Committee of the Latin School should find it necessary to procure temporary aid in that School, the person placed there should be given to understand that his appointment was temporary only.

The meeting was then adjourned to the 1st Tuesday, being the 4th day of November, at Four o'clock.

Nov[r] 4. An adjourned meeting of the School Committee was held at the room of the Mayor and Aldermen, on Tuesday, Nov[r] 4, at 4 o'clock P.M.: Present, the Mayor, Aldermen Loring, Savage, Kendall, Hall, Upham & Armstrong; & from the wards, Messrs Grosvenor, Fowle, Barrett, Bowdoin, Bradford, Gannett, Adams, Mead Shaw & Blake. [17.]

C. Boston Sch. A letter was read from Mr B. Field, Master of the South Boston School, recommending the admission of a lad, 17 years old, into that School: Upon consideration of which, it was Voted, that it is inexpedient to admit the lad into said School.

Latin Sch. Seven applications, accompanied with recommendations for the place of Sub-Master in the Latin School, which had been received in consequence of the Secretary's advertisement, were read in alphabetical order.

It was then voted that ballots be given for a sub-master; and in case no choice were made, that the votes be confined at the 2[d] trial, to the two candidates having the highest number at the first.

The City clerk having received & counted the votes, reported that Sixteen votes had been given in, for three candidates, the two highest of whom had seven & six votes respectively:

Mr Dixwell ch. Sub-Master of Latin School Ballots being again cast for one of the two thus designated, the City Clerk reported that of Sixteen ballots, the whole number cast, nine were for Mr Epes Sargent Dixwell, an usher in the

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Nov. 4. English High School; who was accordingly declared to have been elected.

The Sub-Committees of all the Schools were requested to notify the Instructers, of a vote of the School Committee, passed June 3d 1828; by which the Girls are allowed to remain in the Eng. Gram. Schools the whole year.

Sub-Master in the High School. A report was read from a Special-Committee to whom the subject was referred at the last meeting, recommending the adoption of the following vote, viz. "That it is expedient to create the office of Sub-master of the English High School, on the same general principle, and with the same salary as the Sub-Master of the Latin School." — After some debate, in which it appeared that the above Committee was divided in opinion, the vote recommended in the report, was passed. And the Secretary was, accordingly, directed to advertise for a Sub-Master of the Eng. High School: the choice to take place on Thursday, the 20th instant.

In consequence of a suggestion of Mr. Fowle, the Secretary was advised to mention in his advertisement the salary allowed ($1000.). & after consultation with Mr Miles, the Master of the School, to insert also such qualifications, in Mathematics &c., as the recommendations of the candidates will be required to attest.

Mr. Blake, premising that the year was so near its close as to preclude the application of his remark to any member of the present Board, & that he had been asked the question repeatedly, expressed a desire to have the decision of the Board upon the question, whether a resident in one Ward was eligible, in another Ward, to a seat at this Board.

The Mayor thought that the question could not be decided in this way: that it must be by remonstrance from the Citizens of the Ward aggrieved; & he doubted, it must be, then, decided by the City Council. — Mr. Savage thought the discussion futile; but expressed his opinion that the framers of the City Charter had, intentionally, left this point open & at the discretion of the Citizens, who might chuse whom they thought best: He appealed to Mr. Shaw, who had been a member of the School Committee & afterwards was one of the draughtsmen of the City Charter. — Mr. Shaw, in reply, mentioned the case of the Revd Dr. Ch. Lowell, who, tho' his parish was in Boston, had his residence in Cambridge, yet was a member of the School Committee of the former. — No vote was taken upon the subject; and the Meeting was dissolved.

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Sett. 11. A Quarterly meeting of the School Committee was held at the room of the Mayor & Aldermen on the 2d Tuesday, being the 11th day of November, at 4 o'clock P.M. — Present, the Mayor, Aldermen Loring, Savage, Kendall, Hall & Armstrong; & from the Wards, Messrs Grosvenor, Fowle, Farnsworth, Barrett, Bowdoin, Adams, Head & Shaw. [14.]

Quart. Reps After the Records of the last Quarterly and the adjourned meetings had been read; the Quarterly Report of the several Sub-Committees on the state of their respective Schools, being called for according to Rule, the following were read viz. That of the Latin School, from Mr Pickering; of the Eng. High School, from the Mayor; of the Eliot School, from Mr. Fowle; of the Hancock School, from Dr. Farnsworth; of the Mayhew School, from Mr Loring; of the Boylston School, from Mr. Armstrong; of the Adams School, from Dr. Adams; of the Franklin School, from Mr Shaw; & of the South Boston School from Mr. Loring.

Mr. Savage, of the Bowdoin School, had been able to examine that school in part only; & was not ready to report. And the Mayor, having been injured by an accident was not prepared to report on the state of the African School. — The Sub-Committees of these Schools, the Bowdoin & the African, were enjoined,

according to Rule, to report at the adjourned meeting.

A recommendation in the report on the High School, with regard to substituting Worcester's, in the place of Tyler's work on History, was referred to the Sub-Committee of that School. — The introduction of [blank] on the Constitution of the United States, also mentioned in the report, had already been referred to the Committee on Books.

The re-appointment of the Usher in the Grammar Department of the Adams School, referred from the last Quarterly to the present meeting, was deferred to the adjourned meeting; the report of the Sub-Committee of that School having reported, that there had been little or no improvement in the part of the school under his instruction.

A report was read by W. Loring, as Chairman of a Sub-Committee appointed Sept. 26, to consider a letter from Mr. T. Frost, late Master of the Mayhew School, requesting the allowance of his salary to the end of the Quarter on which he had entered, in consideration of his having instructed without the aid of an Usher: The report recommended that Mr. Frost be allowed (blank) dollars. After some debate in which it was suggested that Mr. Frost had not not expressed a wish for an Usher, but è contra, it was voted that the report be laid on the table.

Ushers

The Mayor as Chairman of the Special Committee appointed Aug. 22, to consider "Whether any alterations shall be made in the mode of appointing Ushers & of their compensation", made a report recommending the adoption of the following votes, viz. "Voted that whenever any new assistant in the Eng. Grammar & Writing Schools shall be appointed in any School, the nomination of the assistant shall be with the Master of such School, to be approved by the Sub-Committee of such School; who shall report the same to the School Committee, by whom the same may be reversed if they see fit. And for such Assistant, when thus appointed, such Master shall be responsible, & have authority to dismiss. — The Salary to be fixed by the School Committee; and should any Master, whose School shall become vacant of an Assistant, prefer to employ more assistants than one, he shall have liberty, first obtaining the sanction of the Sub-Committee of the School, in that respect. Provided that the Compensation of such assistants shall be fixed by the Sub-Committee & shall never exceed the compensation for one assistant". [A] — To which, on suggestion, the following clause was added, viz. — "Provided also that the School Committee shall have at all times, power to dismiss any assistant". —

Mr Shaw remarked, that he was not prepared to adopt so great a change in our whole system — he thought the adoption might destroy all uniformity in the system; & that some schools might be governed in one way; others in another: He adverted to the Rule requiring Ushers to be college-bred

Mr Savage was in favor of adopting the Report: he thought, that it was not necessary in the Eng. Gram. Schools, that Ushers should be educated at College. &.

Mr. Bowdoin doubted if the School-Committee had power to delegate to others the appointment of instructers. — if they had the power he thought it as well to retain it in their own hands & to exercise their own judgments with regard to the qualifications of instructers generally. — The debate was, however, broken off in consequence of the lateness of the hour & of the then meeting; & the Report was referred for further consideration, to the next meeting.

Medals

It was voted that the Rule adopted by the Committee, Aug. 12., with relation to the number of Medals distributed amongst the Boys, shall be applied in the approaching assignment to the Girls: and that the distribution take place on the day of Exhibition.

The Sub-Committees of all the Schools were directed to send the names of the successful

Nov. 11. candidates for medals to the City Clerk, by Friday, Nov. 21st.

Mr Shaw gave notice of his intention to move the reconsideration of a vote of the Committee passed June 3., permitting the girls to remain in the Schools the year round: he now deferred it in consequence of a Quorum not being present.

The Meeting was then Adjourned to Thursday, Nov. 20th, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Nov. 20. An adjourned meeting of the School Committee was held at the room of the Mayor and Aldermen, on Thursday, Nov. 20th, at Four o'clock P.M.:— Present, the Mayor, Aldermen Loring, Savage, Kendall, Hall & Upham; & from the Wards, Messrs. Fowle, Farnsworth, Eaton, Bowdoin, Adams, Mead & Shaw: [13.]

Visitation. A list of sub-committees for the annual Visitation of the Girls in the several schools, on the last Tuesday, being the 25th inst., was read by the Mayor; who remarked that it was formed with a view, as far as possible, that no gentleman visit the School of which he is one of the sub-committee. The list was then adopted: The Schools to be visited in the inverse order of the last year, viz. those then visited at 9 o'clock, to be visited this year at 11 o'clock, & vice versâ: the order of visitation is as follows, the Adams, Eliot, Mayhew & Boylston Schools at 9 o'clock; and the Franklin, Hancock Bowdoin & South Boston Schools at 11 o'clock A.M.

Primary Sch. The semi-Annual Report of the Committee of Primary Schools, accompanied by a tabular view &c. exhibiting the state of those Schools was received from Mr. Fred. T. Gray as Sec'y of that Committee; and after being read, was ordered to be placed on file.

The quarterly report on the African School, by the Mayor; & that on the Bowdoin School by Mr Savage, were received according to the injunction of the late meeting, & were read.

Five applications for the place of sub-master of the English High School, which had been handed in since the Secretary's advertisement, were read together with the recommendations accompanying them:— And the City Clerk having received & counted the votes, reported

Mr. T. Sherwin 1st Sub. Mast. of Eng. High School. that of Thirteen ballots, being the whole number cast, Nine of them were for Mr. Thomas Sherwin, who was accordingly declared to have been elected.

Adams Sch. The question, shall the present incumbent be re-appointed to the place of Usher in the English Grammar department of the Adams School, which had been referred to this meeting, was then taken by Yeas & Nays: and the City Clerk having received & counted the ballots, declared that the Nays prevailed:

It was then voted that the usual grant of a quarter's salary be made to said incumbent; And that the Secretary inform him of both these votes. The appointment of a successor was left at the discretion of the sub-Committee of the School.

Mr. Shaw remarked that, in consequence of a representation from many of the instructers addressed to a member of the Board, he had at the last meeting given notice of his intention to move a reconsideration of the vote, passed in June last, allowing the girls to remain in the Schools the whole year; but that he should not make the motion unless a disposition to reconsider the subject were shown on the part of the Board.— Mr Bowdoin said that the instructers, alluded to, had felt a delicacy on this subject, lest they should appear to interfere with the duties of the Committee; & had therefore, without his previous knowledge, addressed a letter to him unofficially, that their desire was to express, respectfully, a belief of the prejudicial effects of the measure, & their reasons for it: and that they were anxious

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Nov. 20. only to know that the Board had maturely considered the objections to it. — Mr Bowdoin added that he had seen no reasons to change his own opinions, expressed when the vote was passed, against the measure; & that if the Committee did not now feel bound to make the experiment, & would go into the discussion of the question, he should move that the letter of the Instructers be read. No expression being made in favour of reconsideration, the question subsided.

The report of the Mayor, as chairman of a special Committee on the alteration of the Rules regarding the appointment of Ushers & of their salaries, made at the last meeting, was again called up & read.

Mr. Shaw opposed the adoption of the report, & with a view to test the opinions of the members present, moved that the report be amended by adding to it a proviso, that the same qualifications be required of Ushers as are now fixed by the Rules. After some debate Mr. Shaw consented to withdraw his motion; and Mr Bowdoin moved, that the consideration of the report be indefinitely postponed; assigning for reasons, that under the term "assistants" the monitorial plan might be introduced by a sub-committee, without the sanction or knowledge of the Board: that after the decision of the City Council against the adoption of this system, when this Board had a few months ago submitted the question to that Body, he was unwilling to thwart that decision indirectly, thereby tying the hands of new Boards to be elected in a few days:- Mr. B. added that if the question were not postponed he should feel bound to offer his objections to the report in detail, which he thought would put an end to all system in the government of the Schools, & destroy the means of comparing them with each other.- Mr. Savage then offered the following amendment to the Report, to be inserted at [A] viz. "Provided further, that when more than one Assistant is employed, the qualifications of Sec. II. chap. 1. Rule 1., requiring a degree at some respectable College, may be dispensed with."

vide Report 2d. page ante.

The question on the adoption of the Report was then postponed; and the Meeting was dissolved.

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Jan. 2. A Special meeting of the School Committee was held at the room of the Mayor and Aldermen by notification of the Mayor, on Friday January 2. 1829, at 4 o'clock P.M. — Present, the Mayor, Aldermen Loring, Savage, Kendall, Hall, Pickens, Armstrong; and from the Board, Messrs. Farnum 2d, Barrett, Adams, Read & Shaw.

The Secretary being absent, Mr Savage was requested to act as such; and, in consequence, furnished the following minutes.

Fracker "Mr. Shaw for the Sub-Committee of the Franklin School stated in behalf of the Committee, "that the meeting was called at their urgent request, to take into consideration the case of Mr. "Fracker usher in the writing department of the Franklin School. A letter was read "from Mr. Fracker to the Chairman [the Mayor] protesting against the imputation of a report affect- "ing his character. A considerable debate was had, which resulted in a vote, submitted by Mr. Shaw, "as follows." — "It appearing to the Board that comments have been made implicating the "character of Mr. Geo. Fracker, Usher in the writing department of the Franklin School, which "in the opinion of this Committee deeply affecting and impairing his usefulness, but it being "too late to investigate the subject to the satisfaction of the present committee, Voted that "it be referred to the next School Committee with a recommendation that they take the sub- "ject into early consideration." The meeting was then dissolved.

Board of School Committee. 1829.

Hon. Harrison G. Otis, Mayor.
Aldermen, Henry A. Alvord,
John G. Loring,
Thomas Kendall,
James Hall,
Samuel A. Armstrong,
Benjamin Russell,
Winslow Lewis,
Charles Wells.

Ward No 1. Caleb G. Loring
" 2. Revd Sebastian Streeter, "
" 3. Dr Amos Farnsworth,
" 4. Thomas Edmands,
" 5. Revd Samuel Barrett,
" 6. Thomas W. Phillips,
" 7. Dr Jonathan G. Stevenson,
" 8 Revd Ezra Stiles Gannett,
" 9. Dr Zabdiel B. Adams,
" 10. Revd Alexander Young.
" 11. Lemuel Shaw,
" 12 Revd John L. Blake.

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Jany 5th The first meeting of the School Committee, held at the Mayor & Aldermen's Room at 4 o'clock P.M.
Present, the Mayor, Aldermen Loring, Hall, Armstrong, Kendall, Lewis, & of the members from the wards Messrs Shaw, Streeter, Adams, Edmands, Barrett, Young, Stevenson Gannett, Farnsworth, Loring & Phillips.
The Board proceeded to elect a chairman by ballot; upon counting & sorting the votes, it appeared that the
Chairman & Sec^y elected Hon. Mr Otis was elected unanimously.
T. W. Phillips was elected Secretary by ballot.

Buckingham A communication from J. S. Buckingham, respecting his claim to a seat at the board was read, & with the papers accompanying the same, was committed to the Mayor, Messrs Shaw & Loring

The Board was distributed into Subcommittees for the year 1829, as follows;

Latin School.
Messrs Barrett,
Oliver,
Bennett,
Russell,
Farnsworth,
Stevenson,
Phillips.

English High School.
Messrs Otis,
Shaw,
Armstrong,
Adams,
Hall,
Streeter,
Edmands.

Eliot School.
Messrs Streeter,
Oliver,
G. J. Loring,

Hancock School.
Messrs Farnsworth,
Wells,
Barrett.

Mayhew School.
Messrs Loring,
Edmands,
Kendall.

Boiodoin School.
Messrs Armstrong,
Bennett,
Phillips.

Boylston School.
Messrs Adams,
Russell,
Young.

Adams School.
Messrs Phillips,
Lewis,
Young.

Franklin School.
Messrs Shaw,
Hall,
Blake.

South Boston School.
Messrs Blake,
Loring,
Russell.

African School.
Messrs Barrett,
Armstrong,
Phillips.

Voted, that the Secretary be authorized to procure a sufficient number of lists of the School Committee, and distributed into Subcommittees, to be printed for the use of the Board & that there be added thereto a copy of so much of the regulations of the School Committee, as relates to the duties of Subcommittees.—

Primary Sch. Voted, that the papers in relation to hiring rooms for the primary Schools be taken from the files & committed to the Mayor, Messrs Loring & Armstrong.—

Parker Voted, that the papers in relation to Mr Parker's case be committed to Messrs Shaw, Blake & Hall.

Voted that when the board adjourns, it be to Tuesday next at 4 o'clock P.M. Adjourned.

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Jany 13th A meeting of the Committee was holden at the Mayor & Aldermen's Room January 13th 1829 at 4 o'clock P.M. Present Messrs Otis, Russell Loring (J.F.) Armstrong Randall, Lewis, Hall, Oliver, Wells, Read, Edmands, Blake, Adams Stevenson, Young, Farnsworth, Strecker, Loring (C.G. and Phillips.

Voted, that the committee of the English High School be authorized & directed to loan to Edward Bangs Esq for the use of Mr Gallaudet the black boards, belonging to that School.—

Mr Buckingham's claim to a seat

Voted that the consideration of Mr Buckingham's claim to a seat at this board be postponed until the next meeting of this Committee.—

A report upon Mr Fracker's case was read — whereupon it was voted to postpone the consideration thereof until Thursday next.—

Adjourned until Thursday next, at 4 o'clock P.M.

January 15th Committee met at the Mayor & Aldermen's Room. Present Messrs Otis, Hall, Russell, Oliver, ~~Loring~~ Wells, Lewis, Farnsworth, Stevenson, Edmands, Shaw, Strecker, Barrett, C.G. Loring Adams & Gannett, A List of members of the Primary School Committee was presented & ordered to lie upon the table until the next meeting.—

The consideration of the Report upon Mr Fracker's case was postponed until the next meeting.—

Buckingham & Gannett The Committee to whom was referred the question as to the contested election in Ward 8 made a report (which is on file) concluding with the following resolution,—

Resolved, that neither Joseph T. Buckingham Esq nor Revd Ezra S. Gannett is entitled to a seat at this board; that a vacancy exists in the office of member of the School Committee for Ward No 8, & that official notice thereof be given, by the Clerk of this Board, to the Clerk of Ward No Eight & also to the Mayor & Aldermen, to the end that said vacancy may be filled by a new election.

which report was accepted & said resolution passed.—

Welch. A letter from Francis Welch was referred to the Sub committee of the High School.

Females a motion was made, that girls be permitted to remain at the Schools until sixteen years old.— which was committed to Messrs Adams, Stevenson & Farnsworth.

Permission was given that a boy might remain at the Franklin School for a few months, altho' he was beyond the customary age.—

1829
Feby 10th Committee met at the Mayor & Aldermens Room at 4 o'clock P.M. February 10th 1829, being the quarterly meeting.— Present the Mayor, Messrs Russell, Lewis, Hall, Loring, Armstrong, Kendall, Oliver, Barrett, Farnsworth, Edmands, Adams, Stevenson, Young, Blake, Gannett, Shaw, G.G. Loring, Streeter & Phillips.

Reports Reports were made from the Subcommittees of the several Schools, as to the State & condition of the same agreably to the regulations

Eliot School House Voted that the subject of necessary repairs in the Eliot School House, be referred to the Sub committee of that School.—

The Subcommittees of the Hancock & Bowdoin Schools were requested to visit the Schools more frequently.—

A proposition being made to change the hours of beginning the Schools the same was referred to Messrs Russell, Adams, Oliver Blake & Gannett. The same committee was directed to

Regulations of the Schools enquire whether the habit of daily prayer & reading the Scriptures is maintained in the several Schools agreeably to the regulations; also what military reviews shall be considered as Holy days for the Schools; also to enquire generally as to the regulations of the School Committee.

Voted, that the report in relation to George Tracker, an usher

G. Tracker in the Franklin School, made by Mr Rice & dated January 10th 1829 be the same is hereby accepted.

The Subcommittee of the Franklin School were requested to make a temporary appointment of usher

Franklin School for that School & to recommend some suitable person to this board at its next quarterly meeting.

petition of Ushers as to Salary

The Statement & request of the ushers respecting their Salaries was read; Voted that the same lie upon the table until a committee on Salaries is appointed.

Books

Voted that a committee on Books be appointed, by nomination from the Mayor. The Mayor nominated Messrs Shaw, Armstrong, Dr Adams Phillips, & Gannett to constitute said committee & the board confirmed the same.

Voted, that the Committee on Books be instructed to enquire whether any & if any, what alterations are proper to be made in the books now used in any of the Schools & to report their opinions to this board.

Miles

Mr Solomon P. Miles' letter, recommending J. E. Worcester's "Elements of General History" in lieu of Tytler, also recommending Stansbury's "Catechism on the Constitution of the United States," was referred to the committee on Books.

Voted, that the appointment of an usher for the writing department in the Mayhew School, be referred to the Subcommittee for that School.

The Committee on Books were instructed to enquire as to further Studies of girls in the Schools, whether other & if other, what Studies or books should be assigned to the upper class of the girls in the grammar schools & to report thereon.

Commee Primary Schools

The following gentlemen were appointed in January last A committee of the Primary Schools in the City of Boston.

Moses Grant
Thomas Wells
Joshua P. Blanchard
John P. Spooner
Lemuel Capen
Frederic T. Gray
Samuel Ellis
John Fenno jr
John W. James
Joseph W. Ingraham
Henry Fowle jr
Stephen Rhoades
Christopher Gore
Wm Palfrey
Isaac R. Bulls
Joseph Clark
Thomas L. Hutchinson
Joseph Lewis
Joseph W. McKean
Francis Parkman
Charles Walker
Sampson Reed
Samuel Howe
Thomas Power
George A. Sampson
Benjn H. Greene
Daniel Hauchman
Lewis G. Pray
Eliphalet P. Hartshorn
Dr George W. Otis
Thomas Wiley

+ Louis Dwight
Charles Stoddard
Josiah F. Bumstead
Isaac Mansfield
Chandler Robbins jr
John Gulliver
Edward G. Davis
George H. Snelling
Charles Scudder
George B. Emerson
David L. Child
George Rogers
Henry Hatch
Gerry Fairbanks
Bela Hunting
Thomas Hunting
John Thompson
Francis Jackson
William Taylor jr
Adam Bent
Joy H. Fairchild
Jeremy Drake
Gilbert Nourse
Seth R. Barnes
Hodges Reed
Joseph Curtis jr
Edward Wigglesworth
Horatio Robinson
Samuel Davis
John P. Bigelow
Daniel T. Coit

Quarterly Meeting 12 May 1829

A stated quarterly meeting of the School Committee was held at the Mayor & Aldermen's Room, Tuesday, May 12th 1829 at 4 o'clock P.M. Present the Mayor, Messrs Oliver, Loring, Russell, Armstrong, Wells, Lewis Hall Kendall, Streeter, Young, Edmands, Adams, Barrett, Shaw, Stevenson, Phillips, Gannett and Blake.

Franklin Sch.

Mr John P. Lathrop, being recommended by the Subcommittee of the Franklin School was appointed usher in the writing department of that School —

Mayhew Sch.

Mr Frederic Brown, was appointed usher in the writing department of the Mayhew School.

Report of Commee on Books

The Committee on Books made a report, (which is on file,) after some explanations by the Chairman, Mr Shaw, & remarks by others, the same was accepted, and it was voted, that the regulations proposed by the Committee should take effect, except at the High School, from and after the visitation in August next.

In that report, the committee recommend the substitution of J.E. Worcester's Elements of General History, in lieu of Tytler, for the use of the High School. —

In the grammar department of the

Murray's introduction

of the Schools, they recommend, as a reading book, for the fourth class, Murray's Introduction in lieu of the New Testament and for the third class, instead of Murray's Introduction, "The General Class Book" as the reading book for the class. For the more advanced pupils in the third class, the Committee recommend, that they be required to commence the study of Geography; Blaisdell's questions to be introduced together with Worcesters Atlas also that similar pupils in same class, commence the study of grammar by committing to memory lessons in Murray's grammar.

Gen. Class book

Blaisdale's quest. in Geo.

Murray's gram.

In the second class the Committee recommend that "Pierponts National Reader" be substituted for Murray's English Reader. On Saturdays & Mondays the children of the first & second classes, shall read in the Bible instead of their usual reading books.

Pierponts nat. reader

Bible

The following books may be used by the first class, whenever the masters shall find it necessary or expedient to increase the studies viz,

Worcester's Elements of General History.
Blair's Rhetoric
Blake's Conversations on Natural Philosophy.

The Committee on the Regulations of the School Committee report certain alterations & the draught of new regulations for the Committee; recommending that the same be printed for the examination & consideration of the members and the same was accordingly ordered to be printed.

d. See Webster's Dictionary "Draught" "16th"

Voted, that when this Committee adjourns it be to meet at this place, four weeks from this day at 4 o' clock P.M.

The Communication from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, asking information, as to the number of Schools & of Scholars & amount of money expended annually in education in Boston, &c, was referred to Messrs Oliver, Phillips & Adams.

The following gentlemen were appointed a committee to make the annual examination of the schools previous to electing the masters & fixing their salaries.—

Comm^ee to visit Schools in May or June

For the English Department, Mr Young
Mr Russell &
Dr Stevenson.

For the writing department, Mr Loring (J.F.)
Mr Armstrong and
Mr Wells.

These committees were authorized to call in the Sub-committees of any School to attend the examinations of any School other than that under their special care.—

Adams Sch. The Committee of the Adams School were authorized to make the repairs recommended

Commee on Salaries in their report made this day.

The following gentlemen were appointed a committee on Salaries.— Mr Shaw
Mr Armstrong &
Dr Adams.

Represent-ation from the Ushers The representation from the ushers, presented to this board 15th January 1829; with the representation from the master of the Hawes School, were severally referred to the committee on Salaries.—

Latin Sch. The Committee on Books were instructed to enquire & report whether any & if any, what alterations are expedient in the books, used in the Latin School & to report at the adjourned meeting of this Board.

Tracker Mr Tracker's petition for extra pay, was referred to the sub committee of the Franklin School.

Sunday Schools Messrs Streeter, Kendall & Armstrong were appointed a committee to enquire whether any inconvenience or injury arises from the School houses being used by Sunday schools;—— and if any, to report upon the method of preventing the same.—

Quart. ret. Reports were made from the several sub committees of the different schools, agreeably to the regulations, requiring a quarterly examination & a return in writing to this Board, stating their general condition, progress of scholars & fidelity of masters.—

1829
June 9 An adjourned meeting of the School Committee was holden, Tuesday June 9th at 4 o'clock P.M. in the Mayor & Aldermen's Room. Present Mayor Otis, Wells, Armstrong, Edmands, Stevenson & Phillips.

So few of the committee appearing the meeting was further adjourned until Tuesday June 23d current, then to meet at 4 o'clock P.M. in the Mayor & Aldermen's Room.

22 June An adjourned meeting of the School Committee was holden at the Mayor & Aldermen's Room, Tuesday 22nd June A.D. 1829. Present Mayor Otis, Russell Wells, Oliver, Kendall, Oliver Armstrong, Hall, Loring Young, G.G. Loring Stevenson, Birrell, Adams, Phillips, Shaw, Edmands Bennett,

Communication from writing masters

A communication from the writing masters, as to preparatory studies for girls is read and laid upon the table.

Letter fr Mr Fracker

A letter from Mr Fracker is read by the Mayor & committed to the sub committee of the Franklin School.

Written communications from the masters as to regulations reported to this board are read.

The Board proceeded to the consideration of the Regulations reported.

Amendments to Regulations

On the fourth page the words "in the sixth line "shall organise itself" stricken out & the words "be organised" inserted in lieu thereof.

the word "as" inserted in the thirty fourth line of the fifth page

In Chapter I page 8th the words "to hold their offices one year, unless sooner removed by the Board." inserted after the words "shall be elected" in first line of Chapter I. on 9th page Section 7th after the words "form discipline" insert the words "to punish as sparingly as is consistent with effect" on page 10th in line 17th strike out the words "recommend to" & insert in lieu thereof the words "enjoin upon" Adjourned, to meet at this place on Tuesday next, at 4 o'clock P.M.

1829 June 30th

At meeting of the School committee was holden at the Mayor & Aldermen's Room, June 30th 1829. Present, Messrs Otis, Russell, Kendall, Loring, Oliver, Lewis, Hall Wells, Edmands, C. G. Loring, Stevenson, Adams, Young Streeter, Phillips & Shaw

The Board proceeded to the consideration of the regulations reported

Amendments to Regulations

11th page, 10th section "December" stricken out & "November" inserted.

11th page, all after the "awarded" towards the close, stricken out & the following inserted it being understood that no scholar who has received a medal, shall at any time afterwards be a candidate for another in a school of the same rank — on same page, 10th section from the word "excepting" to the word "departments" inclusive, stricken out.

Same page, at the close of the 11th section add "general scholarship" having been taken into consideration in the assignments.

12th section old Regulation restored as far as "P.M. Add "except on Wednesday & Saturday afternoons

13th section stricken out.—

13th section to read as follows, "No instructer in the public schools shall be allowed in his own name to offer medals, books or any other rewards to his pupils.

16th Section 13th page the sub committee of the school instead of the School Committee.—

1st Section amended so as to read "According to the City Charter twelve gentlemen are annually elected one in each ward of the city, who jointly with the Mayor & Aldermen constitute the School Committee and have the care & superintendance of the public schools.

14th page, Strike out in the first section the words "can combine words of two syllables" & insert in place thereof " can read easy prose".

8th section in Chapt 8th expunged.

Adjourned to Thursday next at half past 3 o'clock.

1829
July 2d

A meeting of the School Committee was holden at the Mayor & Aldermens Room on July 2d 1829

Present Messrs Otis, Oliver, Armstrong, Kendall, Lewis, Hall, Russell, Wells, Edmands, Adams, Young, Stevenson, Shaw, Blake, Streeter, Gannett, C.G. Loring & Phillips

Amendments to Regulations.

Chapt 2d Sect 8 Reconsidered & the section restored with this amendment. "The instructers however, themselves shall give their full time to the business of the school & not leave the same before the hours appointed for dismissing, as in the 5th Regulation of this Chapter."

Section 9th the word "boys" changed to "girls" & the word "girls" to "boys", wherever they occur in this section

Section 10th the word "Collins'" Stricken out.

Section 10th Third class "2" Stricken out.

First class "Collins" Stricken out.

after 13, insert Blake's edition so as to read "Blair's Rhetoric Blake's edition".

Strike out the words "Saturdays and".

Section 11th "Book keeping & geometry are also allowed" inserted at the end of the first clause, after the word instructers.

Section 12th "i.e." Stricken out

Section 13th adopted.

Section 14th adopted.

11th page "Thursday" stricken out & "Wednesday" inserted in three places

18th page, Sect 3d strike out "Arithmetic as far as proportion including a general view of vulgar & decimal fractions" & insert "Colburn's first lessons in Arithmetic & sequel" also strike out "be found well versed & insert "have made satisfactory progress.

Section 6th stricken out.

2d Class at 12, insert "with Paxton's illustrations, Boston"

1st Class at 14, insert "Whitaker's Edition.

Add "23. Linear drawing. 24. Logic.

At the end of Chap 3d, insert, "in addition to the holydays granted to all the schools, the English High School shall be entitled to the three days of public exhibition at Harvard University.

Chapt 4th Strike out "It is venerable for its antiquity."

Section 3d Strike out "Saturday" & insert "Thursday and" — the same alteration on 18th page as to the High School.

So much of section 7th as relates to Books used, as far as the paragraph relating to translations, Stricken out & the report of the Committee on Books is inserted in lieu thereof. See report on file and printed copy of the Regulations

Amendments to Regulations.

21st page Section 4th, Strike out the words "express permission of the Sub committee and".

19th page Chap 3d insert "the several classes shall receive instruction in writing".

Page 8th Section 2d is Stricken out & the following inserted in lieu thereof. "As all the instructors derive their authority from this Board, they shall be responsible to it for the faithful discharge of their duties and shall be alike respected and obeyed by their pupils. The masters, being more immediately responsible for the order and improvement, existing in the schools, shall hold priority of rank; and their directions in relation to teaching and all other internal business of the schools, shall be followed by the ushers.

In case of unfaithfulness in office, it shall be the mutual duty of those immediately connected, to represent the same to the Sub Committee of the School in question, & through them to the Board, that any abuse of their confidence may be promptly corrected".

Voted, that these regulations go into effect from and after the visitation of the schools in August next, & that the Secretary send a copy of the same to each of the masters.

Hills. Mrs Laura P. Hill's communication is read & referred to the Subcommittee of the African School.

The meeting was then dissolved.

1829 August 11th

A quarterly meeting of the School Committee was holden at the Mayor & Aldermen's Room, Tuesday 11th of August 1829, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Present, Messrs Otis, Russell, Oliver, Lewis, Hall, Armstrong, Kendall, Streeter, Stevenson, C.G. Loring, Blake, Edmands, Gannett, Adams and Phillips.

Messrs Oliver Russell & Adams were appointed a committee to distribute the School Committee into Subcommittees for the annual visitation of the Schools on the 19th instant. The Committee soon reported as follows;

Arrangement of Committees for visiting the Several Schools on Wednesday August 19th 1829

Committees for visitation of the Schools at Exhibition Aug 19th	Hancock — 8 to 10	Eliot — 10 to 12	The Mayor, Messrs Young, J.F. Loring, Farnsworth, Stevenson and Oliver.
	Franklin — 8 to 10	Adams — 10 to 12	Messrs Shaw, Phillips, Gannett Edmands & Wells
	Hawes 8 to 10	Boylston 10 to 12	Messrs Barrett, Streeter, Lewis, Russell & C.G. Loring.
	Bowdoin 8 to 10	Mayhew 10 to 12	Messrs Armstrong, Blake. Kendall, Hall & Adams
	Latin School, 1 to 3.		The Mayor, Messrs Gannett, Armstrong, Hall, Streeter, Stevenson, Adams C.G. Loring, Blake & Wells.
	English High School, 1 to 3.		Messrs Shaw, Young, Farnsworth Edmands, J.F. Loring, Barrett, Phillips, Lewis, Kendall, Russell & Oliver.

Quarterly Rts. Quarterly Reports from the subcommittees of the several subcommittees of the different Schools were read — from every School excepting the Hancock & the African.

Exam. Com. The annual Report, from a committee appointed agreeably to the Regulations, to examine the Writing Schools previous to the election of the Masters was read and is on file.

The annual Report of a committee appointed to examine the Grammar Schools, previous to the election of the Masters, was read & is on file.—

Hancock Sch.

In consequence of the statements made respecting the condition of the Hancock School, by the committee who examined the grammar department of that school, the Mayor, Messrs Streeter, Armstrong, Edmands & Dr Adams were appointed to re-examine the same.

The same committee in the absence of the Subcommittee of the School were requested to examine those boys in the first class of Hancock School who should present themselves as candidates for the Franklin Medals.

Voted, that the several Subcommittees be requested to report the names of the successful candidates for the Medals, to the City Clerk by Saturday next at 12 o' Sock.—

Mackintosh as to Ink

A communication from Master P. Mackintosh jr respecting the quality of Ink, used in his School, is read & committed to Messrs Armstrong, Edmands & Stevenson.

Instructors

The Committee then proceeded to the choice of instructers for all the schools & it was voted that the election should in each case be made by hand vote unless some member of the Board, should in any case prefer another mode, which being stated the Board would proceed by ballot.— The following elections were made by hand vote.

Latin School.— Fred P. Leverett, master. E. S. Dixwell, sub master.— C. K. Dillaway usher. G. P. Bradford, usher.

English High School. S. D. Miles, Master, Wm Hough, usher. Thos Sherwin, submaster.

Hancock School election of Master & Usher of the grammar department postponed.—

Hancock School

P. Mackintosh jr writing master.
Jacob H Kent " usher.
Elisha Webb " master.
Levi Conant " usher.

Eliot " Eng Grammar Master,
Master, Cornelius Walker
Usher John Winthrop

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August 11th Masters & Ushers Chosen

Mayhew school R.G. Parker Eng Gram Master
" John G. Norwood " usher
Bowdoin School Abraham Andrews Eng Gram master
" Sam.l T. Adams, " usher.
Boylston School Charles Fox " master
Adams School, Jon Barrett " master
" M.A.D. Howe " usher
Franklin school Wm J. Adams " master.
" Cairns Lincoln " usher.
Hawes School, South Boston, Barnum Field, master.
African School, William Bascom, master.

Benj.n Callender, writing master
Joseph Brown " usher
James Robinson jr " master
Barnabas Whitney, " usher.
Fred.k P. Emerson " master
Abel Wheeler " usher
Jonathan Snelling " master.
Oliver March " usher.
Otis Pierce " master.
John P. Lathrop " usher.

Messrs Otis, Armstrong, Russell, Stevenson & Adams were appointed a committee to consider & report upon the mode of carrying into effect the rule, requiring instruction in writing to be given in the English High School, also upon the expediency of extending such instruction to the Latin School.

Writing in English High & Latin Schools

Mr Armstrong from the Committee on Salaries in the absence of Mr Shaw, the Chairman, made a Report respecting the Salaries of the instructers, proposing that the same should remain the same as they were last year; Alderman Oliver proposed an amendment to the Report, fixing the salaries of the masters & ushers, after the present quarter, at one thousand dollars per annum for the masters & Eight hundred dollars per annum for the ushers. After some discussion the Report of the Committee on Salaries, together with Mr Oliver's motion were recommitted to the Committee on Salaries to be joined by Messrs G.J. Loring & Gannett

Commee on Salaries Report

The Secretary was requested in notifying the masters & ushers of their election, to state, that their salaries were not settled.

Voted, that when the Committee adjourns, it be to meet at this place a fortnight from this day, at half past three P.M.

Adjourned.

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August 25th

A meeting of the School Committee was holden, at the Mayor & Aldermen's Room, Tuesday August 25th at half past 3 P.M. Present Messrs Loring Lewis, Edmands, C.G. Loring, Gannett, Armstrong, Stevenson Barrett & Phillips; a quorum of the Board not being present it was agreed that the meeting be adjourned until Friday ~~next~~ September 4th 1829, then to meet at the Mayor & Aldermen's Room at half past 3, P.M.

September 4th

A meeting of the School Committee was holden, at the Mayor & Aldermen's Room, Friday, September 4th 1829 at ½ past 3, P.M. Present Messrs Otis, Armstrong, Lewis, Russell, Loring, Wells, Oliver Kendall, Hall, Shaw, Streeter, Young, Adams, Gannett, C.G. Loring, Stevenson, Barrett, Edmands and Phillips.

Salaries

Mr Shaw from the Committee appointed in the August last respecting, Salaries of the instructers, makes a Report, which is on file.

George Frackers Claim rejected

Mr Shaw, from the committee to whom was referred Mr George Fracker's petition for allowance for services rendered in the Franklin School during the life of the late Mr Webb & during his sickness, ~~as Teacher of said School~~ also a claim for Salary for an entire year, he having been removed before the year for which he was elected, was terminated, made a report, that it was not expedient for the Committee to take any further order thereon.

Which report, after some conversation, was accepted.

S.M. Prentiss' request

Mrs Sarah M. Prentiss' letter, requesting that her son James might remain at the English High School beyond the time allowed by the Regulations, was read & thereupon Voted that the same be referred to the subcommittee & that the request be granted, if said committee think it can be done without inconvenience to the school.

N.K.G. Olivers request

Mr N.K.G. Oliver's letter requesting that his son Daniel A. might be admitted to the High School, notwithstanding he will lack sixteen days of the required age, at the commencement of the next term, was read & thereupon Voted, that the same cannot be complied with.

Mr John Pettey's petition that his son, might

John Perkins Request as to his son

remain at the Franklin School a few months longer than the ages allowed by the regulations; he having removed into the City but a short time since. This son's advantages for instruction having been small, Voted that he may remain at the School so long as the subcommittee think it expedient.

Mr Harding's request

Mr Harding's request that his son, wanting a few weeks of the requisite age, might be admitted, was stated & the Committee voted, that it is not expedient to grant the same.

Report upon Salaries Considered

The Committee then proceeded to the consideration of the Report made by the Committee of which Mr Shaw was Chairman, respecting Salaries.

On motion of Alderman Russell, the first Resolution was amended so as to read thus, "Resolved, that the same salaries be allowed & paid, to each of the instructers of the public Schools, as were fixed & allowed to the same instructers respectively the last year, provided that the salaries of the ushers in the grammar and writing Schools, who have served one year, shall be seven hundred dollars per annum" & the resolution thus amended, passed.

The second Resolution, proposing that all ushers (excepting those now in the employ of the City) who shall hereafter be appointed, shall receive four hundred dollars, per annum for their services, was stricken out.

Grant to Mr Fox postponed

The third Resolution was then read, as follows "Resolved that there be granted and allowed to Mr Fox, master of the Boylston school, the sum of two hundred dollars, in full compensation for all extra services, to the end of the year, terminating with the late annual visitation" & the consideration of the same was postponed until the next meeting of the Committee.

Master & Usher of Hancock School

Mr N. K. G. River was appointed master & Mr Joseph Bailey usher in the grammar department of the Hancock School for one quarter of a year, commencing on Monday next.

Use of General Class Book postponed

Voted, that until the "General Class Book" can be supplied, that the Reading Book used previous to the introduction of the General Class Book, be continued.

The Board then proceeded to elect an usher for the Latin School in place of Mr Bradford, resigned. Voted that after the first ballot, the three highest only shall be voted for

Usher in Latin School

on the first ballot Mr Jenks, had five votes
Mr Young .. four "
Mr Wallace " three "

Mr Foxcroft had two
Mr Bigelow " one
on the Second ballot Mr Wallace had six votes
Mr Young " five "
Mr Jenks " four "
on the third ballot Mr Wallace had Eight votes.
Chosen Mr Jenks " four "
Mr Young " three " and
Mr Cranmore Wallace was accordingly elected usher of the Latin School for the year ensuing.—

Mr Henry Greenough an applicant for the usher ship having stated in his application that he was not a graduate of any college, it was voted that the Board would not hear the recommendations read.

African School — It was Voted, that the salary of the Master of the African School should be seven hundred dollars per annum.

So Boston School — Voted that the salary of the Master of the South Boston School be one thousand dollars per annum.—

W.B. Fowle's — Mr W.B. Fowle's letter, respecting his Spelling Book for children, was committed to the Committee on Books.—

Ink — The Committee to whom was referred Master Macintosh's communication respecting Ink, reported that they had made enquiries of Mr Noyes the contractor respecting the complaints against the Ink furnished and after duly considering the subject, recommend that the contract with Mr Noyes be still continued and the Report was accepted.— See Report on file.

Grant to Mr Fox of $200 — The Vote postponing the grant of two hundred dollars to Master Fox, for extra services was reconsidered & the resolution, as reported by the Committee passed— See resolution in the previous account of this evening's proceedings.—

Regulations to be distributed.— Voted, that the Secretary be authorized to send a copy of the regulations recently adopted, to each of the settled Clergymen of the City, to each member of the common Council & thirty copies to the Secretary of the Committee of the Primary Schools.— Adjourned.

At a meeting of the School Committee, holden at the Mayor & Aldermen's Room, Thursday October 22d. 1829 at ½ past 3 P.M. Present Messrs Otis Loring, Russell, Wells, Tyndall, Hall, Lewis Gannett Streeter, Blake, Young, Adams, Edmands, C.G. Loring, Stevenson & Phillips.

Medals

Voted, that hereafter the special committees for the distribution of the medals, shall consist of two members of the special committees of each School, & of such others as may be thereunto appointed

Messrs Russell, Adams & Tyndall were appointed a committee to arrange the committee for distribution of the medals among the girls in the Public schools -

Lincoln & Edmands

Lincoln & Edmands' application respecting their "Primary Lessons in Arithmetic" was committed to the Committee on Books to report at next meeting of this Board.

Representation from the Hancock School

A representation from several ladies, parents of female children in the Hancock School, complaining of severe punishment inflicted on their children, ~~by the masters~~ by the masters in the grammar department of said School, was read & committed to Messrs Wells, Barrett, Young, C.G. Loring, & Stevenson with full powers to enquire into the discipline of said School, the qualifications & conduct of the instructers and to report what measures (if any) are necessary for a complete reform in the Grammar Department of said School.

Visitation

The Committee of which Alderman Russell was chairman, reported an arrangement of the Committee for the visitation of the Schools on Wednesday, which was recommitted to Messrs Streeter, Stevenson & Phillips, who soon reported the following arrangement, which was adopted

Eliot School at 9 o'clock Messrs Streeter, Oliver, Wells

Hancock " " " C.G. Loring & Barrett.

Mayhew " 9 o'clock Messrs Loring, Edmands, Armstrong

Bowdoin " " " Gannett & Kendall.

1829 Boylston School at 9 o'clock Messrs Otis Russell, Phillips

Adams " " 11 " Lewis Adams & Farnsworth

Franklin " 9 " Messrs Shaw, Hall, Blake

South Boston " 11 " Loring Stevenson & Young.

It being understood by the committee that each sub committee would elect its own Chairman.

Master Adams' Resignation.

Mr Wm J. Adams' resignation as master in the Grammar Department of the Franklin School is read and accepted & the Secretary was requested to advertise for applications for said office.

Messrs Russell Gannett & Young were appointed a committee to report upon the expediency of procuring a new die for the Franklin medals.

New die for the Franklin medal.

A Communication from the masters in the Schools, respecting the office of usher is read and Committed to Messrs Otis, Armstrong, Kendall, Shaw Adams & Gannett.

Communication from the Masters committed

Adjourned.

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Novr 10th

A Quarterly meeting of the School Committee was holden at the Mayor & Aldermen's Room Tuesday, Novr 10th 1829 at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present, Messrs Otis Oliver, Armstrong, Russell, Kendall, Hall, Ely. Loring, Blake, Young, Stevenson, Barrett, Shreeler, Adams, Farnsworth Phillips.

Quarterly Rep^ts

The quarterly Reports as to the State of the several Schools, required by the Regulations are read.

Masters Franklin School

The applications & recommendations of several gentlemen, for the office of Master in the Franklin School are read. The election of said master is then postponed until the next meeting of the Committee.

Mr Orin Lord's letter as to "Pierpont's Introduction to the National Reader" is read & referred to the Committee on Books.

A Bill for furnishing an apparatus

1829 Abacus called an "Abacus," to be used in the Boylston School, is presented by Alderman Russell in behalf of the person who furnished the same; & the same is committed to Messrs Shaw, Armstrong, Adams, C.G. Loring & Rendall.

Globes Alderman Rendall having stated that he had in his possession two globes belonging to the Schools, it was voted that he be requested to deliver the same to the Committee on the High School to be used in said School.

Repairs at Eliot Sch The Committee on the Eliot School having reported that they had directed some repairs, to be made in that School, the Committee confirmed the same.

Voted that when the Committee adjourns it be to meet at this place at 4 o'clock P.M. two weeks from this day. Adjourned.

A meeting of the School Committee was holden Nov 24th Tuesday, November 24th 1829 at the Mayor & Aldermen's Room at 4 o'clock P.M. Present, Messrs Otis, Wells, Armstrong, Russell, Oliver, Rendall, Lewis, Hall, J.F. Loring, Blake, C.G. Loring, Barrell, Stevenson, Farnsworth, Young, Streeter, Gannett, Edmands & Phillips, Shaw & Adams — the whole board.

New Books introduced Report from the Committee on Books is read The same recommends that the North American Arithmetic part first be substituted by all those pupils who have occasion for new books, in place of "Primary Lessons in Arithmetic." Also ~~recommends~~ states that it is not expedient to introduce W.B. Fowle's Spelling book nor to make any change in the Spelling book now used.

Return of Schools for the Common wealth Return from the committee, appointed to ascertain the number of Schools, pupils & rate of tuition in the city, that the same may be returned to the State Government, of which committee Alderman Oliver was Chairman, is read & accepted. Voted, that the same number of this return be printed as of the last return.

Voted, that the "Introduction to Worcester's National Reader" be introduced into the Schools, provided the publishers of the same will take the copies of Willard's Class Book, already purchased by the pupils, in exchange.

Report from the Committee on expediency of procur

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ing a new die of the Franklin Medal; & in favor of procuring a new die. Voted that the Report lie upon the table.

Books for poor Children

A Memorial from Revd Joseph Tuckerman setting forth the necessity of procuring books for poor children, is read & committed to Messrs Russell, Gannett, Wheeler, & G. Loring & Adams.

A Report from the Committee appointed to investigate the condition of the Hancock School is read.

Resolutions from the Committee

The first Resolution is as follows, Resolved that Mr Bayley is no longer useful as usher in the Hancock school & that his services cease after 30th the day of December. The same is accepted and it was voted that one quarter's salary be allowed Mr Bailey, from & after the termination of his term of service.

appointed to

The second Resolution is as follows, Resolved that Mr Oliver be appointed to the office of master in the Grammar Department of the Hancock School & hold the same until the close of the scholastic year; provided he procure at his own expence such aid in the tuition & administration of the School, as the Subcommittee of said School may judge to be necessary to its proper instruction and discipline.

investigate the condition of the

Mr Gannett proposed as an amendment that Mr Oliver be continued as Master of the Grammar department of the Hancock school until the further order of the Committee, on condition that he procure at his own expence as a substitute, such a person & for such a time as the Subcommittee of the School shall approve. After some discussion the amendment offered is rejected.

Hancock School

After further discussion upon the Resolution as reported by the Committee, the same is rejected and the following substitute in lieu of the second resolution, was adopted twelve members voting in the affirmative and six in the negative.

Voted that Mr Oliver be dismissed from the charge of the Hancock School at the expiration of the term for which he was appointed & that an additional quarter's salary be paid to him as a full compensation for his services.

Josiah Parsons' son past 14 allowed to remain in the Eliot School

Mr Parsons' son, Josiah aged 14 years last September is permitted to attend at the Eliot School for the residue of the present Scholastic year.

Adjourned for one week, then to meet at this place at 4 o'clock P.M.

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Dec 1st

A meeting of the School Committee was holden at the Mayor & Aldermen's Room Tuesday 1st of December A.D. 1829 at 4 o'clock P.M. Present Messrs Otis, Russell, Hall, Armstrong, Oliver, Wells, Lewis, J. F. Loring, Kendall, Webster, Farnsworth, Young, Stevenson, C. G. Loring, Emmons, Barrett, Bible, Gannett, Adams & Phillips.

Report as to the Ushers postponed

A Report from the Committee on the Communications from the Masters in relation to the office of Usher is read & after some conversation respecting the same, the consideration thereof, is postponed, until a new Committee is chosen by the Citizens.

Report from Comm^ee^ as to Books for poor children

Alderman Russell from the Committee on Rec^d^ Joseph Tuckerman's memorial respecting books for poor children, makes a report, recommending first the appointment of a committee to ascertain whether books might not be furnished at a lower prices. — Accepted & the Committee on Books are appointed accordingly.

Second, that Children, unsupplied with Books, may be permitted to remain in the schools, until their cases are reported to the Sub committees, and until a final decision is had upon the subject. — Adopted —.

Third, that in their opinion, it is expedient for the School Committee to make application to the City Council to cause a specific appropriation to be made for the supply of School Books to the Children of indigent parents, under such regulations as the Council shall judge to be most expedient. Referred to the Committee of next year.

Franklin Sch.

The Board proceeded to the choice of a master for the Franklin School. Voted, that the three highest candidates on the first ballot, shall be the only candidates on the second ballot. —

Mr Clough chosen Master of Franklin School

On the first ballot, Jairus Lincoln had Nine votes
Wm Clough " Eight votes
Charles Pierce " one vote
Cranmore Wallace " one vote

Ten being necessary for a choice, no person was elected.
On the second ballot,
Wm Clough had Ten votes
Jairus Lincoln " Nine votes and

Mr Clough having ten votes, which were necessary to make a choice, is chosen. —

Mr Field master of Hancock School

Hancock

Mr Barnum Field was chosen Master of the ~~Hancock~~ School.

Mr Lincoln Master of So Boston School

Mr Jairus Lincoln was appointed Master of the South Boston School.—

Latin & English Schools

Alderman Russell proposes as an amendment to the Regulations, that the time of keeping the Latin and English High Schools, from the first day of December to the first day of April, be from nine to two o'clock with fifteen minutes recess & to have no afternoon exercises.

After discussion, this amendment is rejected.

Pierponts

Mr Adams proposes that Pierponts Introduction to the National Reader be introduced into the Schools in place of Murray's Introduction to his English Reader.— after discussion, the same is rejected.—

Voted, that notice of the removals & elections made by the Committee, be given by the Secretary, to the persons removed & elected.

Voted, that the Subcommittees of the several Schools, where there are vacancies, be authorized to procure, a temporary supply, in the usher department.—

Adjourned, without day.

Attest, Thomas W. Phillips,
Secretary of the
Committee.

Board of School Committee
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Hon. Harrison Gray Otis Mayor & Chairman
Aldermen, Benjamin Russell
John F Loring
Samuel T Armstrong
Henry J Oliver
Winslow Lewis
Charles Wells
Moses Williams
John B Mc Cleary
Ward No. 1. Caleb G Loring
2 Rev. Sebastian Streeter
3 Simon G Shipley
4 Rev. Ralph W Emerson
5 Rev. Samuel Barrett
6 John B Davis Esq.
7 Dr. Jona. G Stevenson
8 Rev. Ezra S Gannett
9 Dr. Zabdiel B Adams
10 James Savage Esq.
11 Samuel Shaw Esq.
12 James Hall Esq.

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Jan. 14th The first meeting of the School Committee for the present year, was holden at the Mayor & Aldermen's Room at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present The Mayor, & Aldermen Loring, Russell, Wells, Mc Cleary, Oliver, Armstrong, Lewis, & Williams & Messrs Loring, Shipley Emerson, Davis, Stevenson, Gannett, Adams, Savage, Shaw, & Hall

Chairman &c. The Mayor was unanimously chosen Chairman & G B Adams Secretary, the choice in each case, being made by ballot.

Sub. Com. The board was then distributed into sub committees for the different schools as follows:

{Latin { Messrs Otis, Barrett, Gannett, Russell, Emerson, Stevenson, Davis.

{English High} Messrs Shaw, Armstrong, Savage, Adams, Hall, Streeter, Mc Cleary.

Eliot }	Messrs.	Streeter, Oliver, C. G. Loring.
Hancock }	Messrs.	Wells, Barrett, Mc. Cleary.
Mayhew }	Messrs.	J. F. Loring, Shipley, Emerson.
Bowdoin }	Messrs.	Armstrong, Gannett, Davis.
Boylston }	Messrs.	Adams, Russell, Gannett
Adams }	Messrs.	Savage, Lewis, Stevenson.
Franklin }	Messrs.	Shaw, Hall, Williams.
South Boston }	Messrs.	Hall, J. F. Loring, Williams.
African }	Messrs.	Barrett, Armstrong, Oliver.

The following gentlemen were then nominated & appointed to have the care & superintendence of the Primary Primary Schools;

Sch. Com. Moses Grant	Seth H Barnes
Frederick T Grey	Samuel Howe
Joshua P Blanchard	Thomas Power
John P Bigelow	George A Sampson
Aaron Russell	Benjn H Greene
Joseph W Ingraham	Daniel Henchman
John W James	Lewis G Pray
Frederick Gould	Elipthalet P Hawthorne
Christopher Gore	Enoch Hobart
William Palfrey	Thomas Wiley
Joseph Clark	Joseph Curtis Jr
Isaac R Butts	Edward Wigglesworth
Nathaniel Clark	Charles Stoddard
Joseph Lewis	Josiah F Brimstead

Isaac Mansfield
Samuel N Tenney
Samuel Davis
George B Emerson
George Rogers
Bela Hunting
John Thompson
William Taylor Jr
Jeremy Drake
Drs. John P Spooner
" Charles Walker
" Jonas H Lane
" Thomas Gray Jr
" George W Otis
" Horatio Robinson
" Chandler Robbins
" Edward G Davis
" S. Humphries Storer
" Daniel T Coit
" Joseph W McKean.

Nathaniel A Barrett
John Gullivan
Edmund Munroe
George H Snelling
Henry Hatch
Thomas Hunting
Francis Jackson
Adam Bent
Rev. Lemue Capen
" Francis Parkman
" Silas Blaisdale
" William Crosswell
" Louis Dwight
" Mellish I Motte
" Joy H Fairchild

Franklin & Boylston Sch.

A memorial was read signed by sundry inhabitants of the south end of the City, requesting an exchange between the masters of the Franklin & Boylston Schs. That Mr Fox might be transferred to the Franklin & Mr Clough, the present master of the Franklin, be transferred to the Boylston school. This subject was referred to a special committee consisting of the subcom. of each of the above schools, to which Mr Savage was added & appointed chairman. After some debate respecting giving to the above committee powers to act definitively & make the above transfers if they should think it expedient, it was finally determined, that said subcom. should report to this board at their next meeting.

Boy over 14 yrs of age permitted to remain in Franklin School

Mr Shaw presented a request, that Isaac H Rhodes a lad over 14 years of age might be permitted to ~~remain in~~ enter the Franklin School & remain until the end of May next; which request was granted.

The following motion was introduced by Mr Gannett
That a Com of — be appointed to take into consideration the present system of instruction prescribed for the English grammar & writing schools; that they be directed to enquire whether essential improvements may not be introduced by a modification of said system, or by the adoption of some other & to report at the quarterly meeting in May

The above motion was committed to a special com of 5 viz. Messrs Gannett, Shaw, Davis, Armstrong, & Adams.

Subject of Ushers

On motion of Mr Stevenson the subject of the Ushers was referred to committee of 5, to which committee was also referred the memorial of the masters which was read before this board the last year. The chairman requested permission to be allowed till the following day, to appoint the subcom. on this motion. The com. was filled as follows, Messrs Otis, Armstrong, Shaw, Adams & Gannett

Voted, that the secretary be authorized to procure a sufficient number of lists of the school committee to be printed for the use of the board, & that there be added thereto a copy of so much of the regulations of the School Committee as relate to the duties of subcommittees.

Voted, that when this board adjourn, it be to the second Tuesday in February next at 4 Oclock P.M.

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The quarterly meeting was held this day at 4 Oclock P.M. at the Mayor & Aldermen's Room. Present the Mayor & Aldermen Russell, Loring, Lewis, Armstrong, Otis, Wells, Williams & Mc Cleary, & Messrs Barrett, Savage, Emerson, Hall, Shipley Streeter, Stevenson Gannett, Davis & Adams

Qr. Reports.

The quarterly reports were received & read from all the schools. The semiannual returns were also received from the masters of each of the grammar & writing schools & from the African school. These also were examined by the chairman & the general results read.

Memorial from Hancock Sch.

A memorial was read, signed by the masters of the Hancock school, suggesting an alteration in the arrangement of the seats & forms of that school house. which subject was referred to the subcom. of that school

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to consider & report at the next meeting.

The following gentlemen were then nominated & appointed to fill the vacancies in Primary Board viz. Dr. Martin Gay, Messrs Edward Pickering, Mr George S Bulfinch, Samuel Dennis, & Elijah Cobb. Power was also granted to said board to fill all vacancies which may hereafter occur during the year.

Primary board to fill vacancies

A memorial was received, signed by all the masters of the grammar & writing schools, except Mr Clough of the Franklin School, respecting salaries; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Memorial respecting Salaries

Confirmation of Mr Howe

Mr M. A. DeW. Howe who was sometime since, temporarily appointed master of the Hawes' school; was confirmed in his place by hand vote.

Messrs Oliver & Adams of the special committee appointed to prepare the returns of the several schools in the City, to the secretary of the commonwealth, 500 copies of which were ordered to be printed; were empowered to distribute said printed sheets in such manner as they shall think most expedient.

Grant to Mr Lincoln

The sum of 74.34 was granted to Mr James Lincoln of the Franklin school for extra services during the absence of Mr Adams the former master of said school.

Order from Common Council

An order of the Common Council of the 11th inst. was communicated, directing the school committee to furnish an exhibit of all salaries by them stipulated to be paid the past year, designating, not only the sum to each individual so allowed, but also all allowances & perquisites of whatever name or nature. Whereupon, on motion of Mr Davis it was Voted; That pursuant to the 20th section of the City charter, this board, hold itself responsible to account to the City Council in such manner as they may direct, for the expenditure of all monies intrusted to them; & that the chairman be requested respectfully to inform the Common Council that the information requested by their said vote, will be promptly communicated at the request of the

Vote respecting above Order

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March Report of Com. on exchange of Masters Franklin & Boylston Schools

The committee to whom was referred the memorial from sundry inhabitants of the south end, relative to the exchange of the grammar masters of the Franklin & Boylston schools; reported that such exchange could not be made to the satisfaction of all parties interested, & therefore requested to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; which report was accepted.

The petition of James Thurston was ordered to lie on the table.

Transfer of Ushers

A request was presented from Mr Lincoln usher of the Franklin School, that he might be transferred to some other school; whereupon the power was given to the subcoms. of the Franklin & Adams schools to make an exchange of the ushers in the grammar departments of said schools if they shall think it expedient.

Repairs of Eliot Sch.

The subcommittee of the Eliot school were permitted to carry into effect a vote of the previous year respecting some repairs on said school house.

Meeting adjourned.

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March 18th A special meeting of the school committee, was held at the room of the Mayor & Aldermen. — Present the Mayor, and Aldermen Russell, Wells, Armstrong, Otis, Williams, Lewis & McCleary. and Messrs Savage, Shipley, Gannett, Streeter, Hall, Stearns, Leeming & Adams.

Com. on change of Ushers

The committee on change of ushers reported verbally by Mr Savage that the following transfers have been made viz. Mr Lincoln of the Franklin school, to the Mayhew school, & Mr Young of the Mayhew to the Adams school, & the usher of the Adams school to Mr Lincoln's place in the Franklin school.

A Memorial to remove Mr Clough

A memorial signed by Cyrus Haywood & 61 others principally inhabitants of the south part of the City, for the removal of Mr William C. Clough from his situation as master of the grammar de

partment of the Franklin school. After much discussion respecting the best method of disposing of said memorial, it was finally determined that another special meeting of this committee should be held at the Mayor & Aldermen's room on wednesday the 24th of March inst. at ½ past 3 o'clock P.M. when and where the parties interested, being previously notified, might appear and be heard.

adjourned to Wednesday March 24th previous to which the following vote passed—

Voted— That an attested copy of the petition of Cyprus Haywood & others, be sent to Mr William Clough, & that the petitioners be notified to appear before the School Committee on Wednesday the twenty fourth of March inst. at ½ past 3 o'clock at the office of the Mayor and Aldermen to support the charges set forth in said petition; and that the said Clough be also notified to appear at the same time & place to shew cause why the prayer thereof should not be granted, by serving on him a copy of this vote.

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March 24 The committee met according to adjournment at the Mayor and Aldermen's room.— present The Mayor and Aldermen Russell, Wells, McCleary Armstrong, Williams, Atkins, Lewis & Loring. and Messrs. Hall, Stevenson, Shipley, Streeter, Loring, Adams, Savage, Barrett, Gannett, Shaw, Davis.

Trial of Mr Clough

The memorial respecting the removal of Mr William Clough was read by the Mayor; and the petitioners, several of whom were present, were called upon to make such statements & present such facts as might be in their possession, in regard to the charges set forth in the petition.

At the very commencement however, it was discovered that most of the charges rested upon the reports of the children to their parents; whereupon after some discussion, it was voted, that hearsay evidence could not be admitted as proper testimony in this case. — It was also voted to be inexpedient that the witnesses should be examined

Vote— Hearsay evidence not admitted

Not under oath

under oath. Among the several allegations presented by the petitioners, was a written statement presented by Mr Newhall signed by his daughter and two other misses belonging to the Franklin School which, it was voted, should be read, which was accordingly done.

Voted; that when this meeting adjourn, it adjourn to meet at the same place tomorrow at ½ past 3 P.M.

On motion of Mr Davis it was voted that the petitioners be permitted to bring such boys of the Franklin school as they may think expedient, to testify in the case, at the meeting tomorrow. & on motion of Mr Shaw a similar vote passed respecting the girls of the said schools

On motion of Mr Shaw it was voted that if Mr Clough should desire to have his rolls present at the examination tomorrow, the reading department of his school might be dismissed for the afternoon.

Voted that Mr Jairus Lincoln may be permitted to leave his school tomorrow afternoon, if the petitioners should see fit to notify him to appear as a witness in this case.

A report of the subcommittee on the subject of altering the interior of the Hancock school house, in which it was recommended that the chairman of the school committee be requested, to apply to the City Council for an appropriation of Eight Hundred dollars for the purpose of making such repairs & alterations, was accepted.

repairs of Hancock Sch.

Adjourned. —

March 25 The Committee met this day according to adjournment. Present the Mayor & Aldermen Russell, Olivin, McCleary, Loring, Wells, Williams Armstrong, & Messrs Hall, Loring, Barrett, Savage Shipley, Garnett, Streeter, Shaw Davis Stevenson. The several witnesses on the part of the petitioners in the case of Mr Clough, were examined. The girls were examined first, & the boys separately afterwards. The roles Mr Jairus Lincoln was

1830 March examined on the part of the petitioners. The session was continued to a late hour & finally adjourned to ½ past 3 o'clock tomorrow.

March 26th The committee met again this day according to adjournment to continue the investigation of Mr Clough's case. Present the Mayor & Aldermen Armstrong, Mc Cleary, Williams, Wells, Loring Olivr Russell, & Messrs. Savage Gannett, Barrett Stevenson, Loring, Shipley, Shaw Davis Streeter & Adams. —

Clough The witnesses on the part of Mr Clough were examined, when at a late hour Mr Clough commenced his defence; this he continued for about an hour, when a motion was made that when this meeting adjourn it adjourn to meet again at this place, on wednesday next at ½ past 3 o'clock P. M.

The motion of adjournment was then made & sustained accordingly.

March 31st The committee met again this day according to adjournment. Present the Mayor & Aldermen Russell, Wells, Mc Cleary, Williams, Armstrong, Oliver, Lewis, & Loring & Messrs Savage, Gannett, Barrett, Shipley, Streeter, Shaw, Hall, Stevenson, Davis Loring & Adams.

Mr Clough's case continued Mr. Clough continued his remarks in defence of his conduct in the management of the Franklin School. After he concluded, an opportunity was offered, by the chairman, to the petitioners & others who were present to make any remarks they might wish relative to the present case. When Mr James Lincoln made a few remarks in answer to some of the statements of Mr Clough; during which, it was suggested by the chairman, that, as he referred, in his remarks chiefly to differences of opinion or judgment between himself & Mr Clough respecting the management of the school, & as he (Mr Lincoln) was not arraigned, it could hardly be necessary for him to proceed further; to which suggestion he yielded; & as no one else had any remarks to offer, the petitioners, witnesses &c then withdrew.

In order to bring the subject fairly before the committee, Mayor Russell moved "that the prayer of the petitioners for the removal of Mr Clough, be granted." This motion was thot by Mr Savage to be too general & that it would hardly be treating the petitioners fairly to thus dispose of the question. He thot it would be more proper to take up the charges, as set forth in the memorial, seriatim, & that the yeas & nays should be taken upon each specification. After much discussion upon the best manner of approaching the subject; Mayor Russell withdrew his motion, & Mr Savage yielded to the following motion by Mr Hall, "That in consequence of the uneasiness which exists in the Franklin School, between the master of the grammar department, & a large portion of the parents & children attending that school; it is expedient that the master should be removed, & he is accordingly removed from the charge of said school."

M. Hall's Motion

This motion, after a pretty free discussion, was finally rejected by a large majority.

A motion was then made by Dr Stevenson, that a committee be raised to take into consideration the difficulties existing at the Franklin School & the best means of removing them; but before the question was taken, a motion for adjournment was carried. The meeting accordingly was adjourned to wednesday next at ½ past 3 O'clock P. M.

April 27th The Committee met again this day at the Mayor & Aldermen's Room, according to adjournment. Present the Mayor & Aldermen Russell, McCleary, Williams, Oliver, Lewis, Wells, Loring, & Armstrong. & Messrs. Shaw, Shipley, Loring, Hall, Davis, Streeter, Stevenson Savage, Barrett, Gannett, & Adams.

Dr. Stevenson withdrew his motion made at the last meeting. — A petition was presented by Dr Stevenson in behalf of Mrs Reynolds, requesting that her child might be admitted to the Adams' school, before it had arrived at the age of 7 yrs. A motion was made that this subject be referred to the subcom. of that school which motion was unanimously rejected. This vote was considered as expressing the sense of the committee on

Child under 7 not allowed to attend school.

April the subject of the petition, & that it was improper that the request be granted.

Clough The case, respecting the removal of Mr Clough, was then again taken up. Mr Davis moved "that Mr Clough be removed from the situation of Master of the Franklin School". This motion caused considerable discussion, during which several gentlemen requested the mover to withdraw it that others might be substituted for it. The motion however was not withdrawn. Previous to taking the final vote on the question, Mr Shaw read a short preamble, setting forth some of the reasons for the removal, & requested that it might be prefixed to the vote before passing, this was also rejected. When the question was called for, a motion was made that it be taken by yeas & nays, which passed in the affirmative. The chairman then proceeded to call for the yeas & nays. There were nineteen present besides the chairman, five of whom answered in the affirmative, and fourteen in the negative.

Final decision of Mr Clough's case

Mr Hall then made a motion for the transfer of Mr Clough to the Mayhew school & of the grammar master of the Mayhew school to the Franklin school, This however he withdrew for the following vote presented by the chairman — Voted that x x x be a committee to prepare & report for the information & satisfaction of the petitioners a summary of the evidence & principles which have governed this committee in deciding against the removal of Mr Clough from the Franklin school; & that the same committee be also instructed to enquire & report upon the expediency & practicability of effecting an exchange of masters between the Franklin & any other school. — A motion was made that this question be divided, which was accordingly done, & both parts were then adopted. The blank was filled by the following names Messrs Savage, Davis, & Gannett, to which, on motion, the chairman & Aldermen Russell were afterwards added. Meeting adjourned.

May 11th. The quarterly meeting of the school committee was held this day at the Mayor & Aldermen's Room.

Present the Mayor & Aldermen Russell, McCleary, Williams, Wells, Lewis. & Messrs Gannett, Shipley, Shaw, Emerson, Stevenson, Barrett, Savage, Hall, Streeter & Adams.

The Quarterly reports from all the schools were read.

Clough. The Committee, appointed at the last meeting, to make a statement setting forth the reasons, which influenced this committee in their decision of Mr Clough's case, by their chairman, presented & read a report, which was ordered to lie on the table.

The following gentlemen were appointed to make the annual examinations of the schools

Exam. Com.

Gram. Department { Gannett, Savage, McCleary

Writing Dep.t { Davis, Emerson, Shipley

Report on Change of School System. A very important & elaborate report was presented by the committee appointed at the January meeting, to take into consideration the whole of the present school system, but as some very considerable changes in the present system of public instruction were recommended in it, it was thot advisable to recommit the report to the same committee, with instructions to cause the same to be printed, & that a copy be sent to each member of this board.

Mid Sch. The subcommittee of the Eliot school were requested to consider & report, if any changes are necessary in regard to allowing the sunday school to be kept in said school-house.

The subject of an usher at the South Boston School was referred to the subcommittee of that district.

Adjourned to one week from Thursday next.

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May 20th School Committee met this day according to adjournment; present the Mayor and Aldermen Russell, Armstrong, McCleary, Oliver, Loring, Lewis, Williams and Wells & Messrs. Shaw, Savage, Stevenson, Shipley Gannett, Hall, Davis, Loring, Streeter & Adams.

Petition for Vacation at Latin Sch.

A petition, signed by sundry inhabitants of the City, principally parents of children attending the Latin School, that an additional vacation be granted to that school; was read by the chairman & after some discussion, it was voted that the prayer of the petitioners be not granted.

School System Change

The principal part of the afternoon was taken up, in considering the report of the committee on the change of the school system; As however, some gentlemen did not appear ready to act definitively upon the subject; a motion was made by Alderman Lewis that the further consideration of the subject be postponed to the fourth day of June next, & that when this meeting adjourns, it adjourn to meet at this place, at that time, at 4 o'clock P.M. which motion passed.

Voted that the subcommittee on the change of the school system, cause the remaining copies of their printed report to be distributed equally among the members of this committee.

Usher for the Hawes Sch.

The report of the subcom. of the Hawes School, respecting the temporary appointment of an usher for said school, was accepted.

At the request of the Rev. Mr Streeter, power was granted to the subcommittee of the Eliot school to allow a child to attend said school, a part of the time only.

Com. on Books

Messrs. Adams, Armstrong, & Stevenson were chosen the committee on books for the ensuing year.

Alderman McCleary requested to be excused

1830 from serving on the examining committee, which request was granted, & the Rev. Mr Streeter was appointed in his place.

Adjourned to June 4th at 4 o'clock P.M.

June 4th The committee met according to adjournment. As many members were unavoidably obliged to be absent, it was thot proper to adjourn to Friday the eleventh of the present month, at the same place and time.

June 11th According to adjournment the committee again met this day — Present the Mayor and Aldermen Russell Oliver, Loring, Armstrong, Lewis, Williams & Wells, & Messrs. Barrett, Emerson, Loring, Shaw, Hall, Gaimett, Shipley, Streeter, Savage, Stevenson, Davis & Adams.

Change of edition of Worcester's Geography

A report of the committee on books, recommending "an exchange of the old edition of Worcester's geography now in the schools, for the new edition lately published; provided the same can be effected, without expense to the pupils"; was accepted.

The committee then proceeded to consider the report of their subcom. appointed June 15th "to take into consideration the present system of instruction prescribed for the English grammar and writing schools." (Which report is on file & also has been printed).

New System Adopted

When a motion was made by Mr. Emerson that the whole subject be indefinitely postponed; which motion was negatived.

The question then occurred upon the resolves appended to the report; & it was voted that they be considered separately.

It was proposed that the first resolve be amended, by adding after the word "report;" "excepting so far as relates to the subject of salaries." Which amendment being accepted; the resolve then passed in the words following viz. Resolved 1st That the present arrangement of the Eliot, the Hancock, the Mayhew, the Bowdoin, the Adams, the Boylston, and the Franklin Schools be changed, and that the system set forth in the

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foregoing report; excepting so far as relates to the subject of salaries, be substituted therefor.

2d Resolution

The second resolution was also accepted, as follows; Resolved 2d, That a committee be appointed to revise the 2d chap. of the 4th sect. of the regulations of this Committee, and also to consider what further alterations may be required in the general regulations, to render them conformable to the system adopted by the foregoing resolution

3d Resolution

The third resolution was likewise accepted; viz. Resolved 3d That such system shall commence and go into operation at the commencement of the next school year in September; and in the future election of instructers, regard shall be had to its introduction.

The 4th & 5th Resolves were suspended.

Com. on Salaries

The same committee that presented the report, consisting of the following gentlemen viz. Messrs Shaw Gannett, Armstrong, Davis and Adams, were appointed to act upon the 2d Resolution; also were constituted a committee on Salaries for the ensuing year; and were requested to take into consideration what indemnities may be allowed to those persons who will be deprived of their offices by the introduction of the new system.

State Return

Messrs. Oliver, Emerson, and C. J. Loring were appointed committee on making a return of the schools to the State, according to a legislative requisition.

Frost's Gram.

The subject of Frost's Grammar was referred to the book-committee.

Adjourned to such time within three weeks from this day, as the com. on salaries &c. shall be ready to report.

Gabdiel Bayleton Adams

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July 7th The Committee met this day according to adjournment. Present The Mayor and Aldermen Russell, Loring Wells, Williams, Armstrong, Lewis, & Oliver, & Messrs. Savage, Emerson, Shaw, Gannett, Davis, & Adams.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to revise the general regulations of the school committee, to report on salaries compensations &c presented their report by Mr Shaw their chairman.

With respect to the general regulations of the school committee, it was stated in the report, "that the committee had revised them with a view to render them conformable to the arrangement recently adopted by the committee, and to the principles of the report heretofore accepted."

New Regulations Each article of the regulations, was first separately considered, as altered by the subcommittee; and finally the whole, with some few alterations & amendments, was adopted; and 300 copies ordered to be printed under the inspection of the subcommittee. The secretary was also ordered to distribute the usual number among the members of this board, the masters &c.

The committee then proceeded to consider that part of the report relating to salaries.

The report recommended that the following should be the annual salaries for the instructors in the English grammar schools, payable quarterly, viz.

To each of the Masters ———	$1300.00
To each Submaster ———	800.00
To each Teacher in the boys' schools	150.00
To each Assistant in the same	50.00
To each Teacher in the girls' schools	100.00
To each assistant in the same	50.00

All of which were finally accepted, with the exception of inserting $1200 instead of 1300 for the salaries of the masters.

The report further recommended "That in the Hawes' School at South Boston, instead of an usher, there shall be two Teachers and two assistants, to be appointed by the master, in the same manner as is provided in regard to the English Grammar Schools as follows viz.

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One Male Teacher, salary ——	150 dolls.	Per Annum	
One Male Assistant do.	50	do.	do.
One Female Teacher. do.	100	do.	do.
One do. Assistant do.	50	do.	do.

All of which was accepted.

The further consideration of salaries, indemnities &c. was postponed to the next meeting.

A motion was then made, that when this meeting adjourns it adjourn to meet at the same place, on Tuesday next, at 4 O'clock P.M. which passed in the affirmative.

Meeting then adjourned accordingly.

July 13th School Committee met this day according to adjournment. Present The Mayor and Aldermen Wells, Oliver, Williams, McCleary, Armstrong, Russell, Lewis, and Loring; and Messrs. Savage, Shaw, Loring, Streeter, Shipley, Stevenson, Gannett Davis & Adams.

The first question before the Committee was upon the acceptance of the fifth resolution appended to the report of the committee on the change of the school system.— Alderman Oliver moved that it be amended so as to include the ushers, which amendment prevailed; And the Resolution as amended was adopted as follows

Allowance to Masters & Ushers Displaced

Resolved 5th That one quarters' salary from the first day of September next, be allowed to each of the Masters whose employment in the publick service shall cease, under the new arrangement; and also to each of the Ushers who have been in the service for one year preceding this date, and who shall continue in the service until the first day of September next, & whose employment shall then cease.

Memorial of Master Snelling

A memorial from Mr Jonathan Snelling Writing Master of the Adams School; stating "that he shall be left entirely destitute in being deprived of his office in his old age, & that the committee would take into consideration his peculiar case": was committed to a committee of five, to report at the next quarterly meeting in August. The committee consisted of the following gentlemen viz. Messrs.

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Russell, Savage, Williams, Stevenson & Adams.

The consideration of the subject of the salaries of the instructers of the Latin, & English High Schools and of the masters of the Hawes school & African school was postponed to the next quarterly meeting in August.

4th Resolve

It was proposed to amend the 4th resolution appended to the "Report" by substituting the following words viz. Resolved 4th That the Secretary give notice to the several instructers in the grammar schools, of the change of system recently adopted; which was accepted.

A motion was then made, that all the resolutions as amended, be accepted; which passed in the affirmative

The following vote was ordered to be prefixed to the Regulations of this board now being printed; viz. At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, holden July 13th 1830 Voted, that the following, having been carefully revised and adapted to the new arrangement of the Schools, be considered the Regulations of the School Committee until the further order of this Board, and that the same shall go into effect from and after the visitation of the schools in August next.

Voted, That the following words be added to the ninth article of Chap. 2d Sect. 2d of the regulations and be considered as part of the same viz. "In the Hawes School, besides the master, there shall be four instructers, also to be appointed by the master with the approbation of the subcommittee, viz one male teacher, and one male assistant; one female teacher and one female assistant."

Hawes School

Voted, "That the secretary be instructed to advertize for applications to be made for the office of Master in each of the Seven publick Grammer Schools of the City; said offices to be filled at the quarterly meeting in August next.

It was further Voted "That x x x be a committee to consider & report what amendments may

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be expedient to transfer from the appropriation for salaries of School-masters, to the appropriation for the repairs of school-houses and other contingencies, to the end that application may be made to the City Council to authorize such transfer. Messrs Williams Savage and Davis were constituted the Committee for the above purpose.

The several committees to superintend the annual exhibitions in August, were then distributed as follows.

Com. on Exhibitions.

Hancock & Eliot { The Mayor & Messrs Streeter, Wells, H. J. Oliver, & Williams

Adams & Franklin { Messrs. Shaw, Savage, Stevenson Emerson & Shipley

Mayhew & Bowdoin { Messrs. J. F. Loring, Armstrong C. G. Loring, Gannett & Lewis

Bayleston & Hawes { Messrs. Russell, Hall, Davis, Barrett, McCleary, & Adams

Latin { Messrs, Shaw, Gannett, J. F. Loring Savage Davis, Barrett, McCleary Oliver, Armstrong, Hall, Streeter.

Eng. High Sch. { The Mayor & Messrs Russell, Stevenson, C. G. Loring, Wells Williams, Shipley, Lewis, Emerson & Adams.

Meeting adjourned. Z B A. Sec'y

1830 Aug. August 11th The quarterly meeting was held at the Mayor & Aldermen's room. Present the Mayor and Aldermen, Russell, McCleary, Lewis, Aliver, Williams & Loring, & Messrs. Shaw, Barrett, Stevenson, Emerson, Savage, Hall, Loring, Garnett, Streeter, Davis, Shipley & Adams.

Quarterly reports Quarterly reports of the examinations of the following schools, were read - The Franklin, Adams, Baylston, Hancock, Mayhew, African, Latin, Eliot, Hawes and Bowdoin, the report of the Eng. High School was deficient. Mr Savage chairman of the annual committee, for critically examining all the schools, read a very elaborate and interesting report of the examinations made in the reading department of the grammar schools. — Mr Davis chairman of a similar committee for examining the writing department also read a report of the same.

Memorial against Mr Howe A memorial, signed by sundry inhabitants of South Boston, preferring certain complaints against master Howe of the Hawes School, & requesting that he may be removed from the charge of said school was read by the chairman; & while it was under consideration, a remonstrance to the same was presented, by Mr Hall, one of the subcom. of said Remonstrance school; which was also signed by a great number of people from that part of the City; whereupon both papers were ordered to lie on the table.

Petition of Wm Whitney A petition of Mr William Whitney, requesting that his son may be permitted to enter the Eng. H. School at the next annual examination for the same, altho' he will lack a few weeks of being 12 yrs of age; was committed to the subcommittee of that school, with power to grant the same if they shall think it expedient.

Petition of Sam. T. Adams A petition of Mr Samuel T. Adams, for compensation for extra services at the Bowdoin school, was referred to the subcommittee of that school to consider and report.

The committee, to which was referred the subject of considering and reporting what sum it might be expedient to transfer from the appropriation for

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salaries of school-masters to the appropriation for the repairs of school-houses; reported in part, & asked leave for further time.

Report on Mr Fuller's Lease

The committee on master Fuller's petition, also reported in part, and asked leave to sit again.

change of name of Emerson's Books

It was Voted, that the words "Emerson's Primary Lessons" in the 15th page of the regulations of this committee, recently adopted, be changed to Emerson's North American Arithmetick.

Rules & Reg.ns of Schools.

It was also Voted, that the following be considered a part of the regulations of this board until further order; viz. "That, whenever any master shall have appointed an assistant-instructor; he shall forthwith make the same known to the subcommittee of the School; and it shall be the duty of said subcom. as soon as may be to signify to the master their approbation or dissent to the choice; and if approved, the master shall give the name of such assistant, with the date of his appointment, and certificate of approval, to the City Auditor; he shall also notify the Auditor of the time when any of his assistants shall cease to serve - to the end, that no delay or embarrassment may occur in the payment of salaries.

William Sullivan's Book

A new Book called the "Political Class Book" by William Sullivan Esq. was committed to the Committee on books.

Salaries of Masters of Latin & Eng. High Schools

The salaries of the masters of the Latin and English High Schools were fixed at 1800 dolls. each, the same as the last year.

Hawes & African Schs

Also the salaries of the masters of the Hawes School and of the African School were fixed as the last year, the former at 1000 dolls. and the latter at 700 dolls.

Whereupon so much of the report of the com. on salaries, as was referred to this meeting, was then accepted.

Repairs of Bowdoin School

The subject of preparing a plan for refitting the Bowdoin School House, and of

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Aug. was referred to the subcommittee of that school.

Meeting adjourned, to meet at the same place tomorrow afternoon at 4 Oclock.

Aug 11th Committee met this day according to adjournment— Present the Mayor & Aldermen Russell, McCleary Oliver, Lewis, Williams & Loring, and Messrs. Savage, Shipley, Gannett, Davis, Loring, Shaw, Streeter, Stevenson, Barrett, Emerson, Hall & Adams.

The committee proceeded to the annual
Choice choice of Masters for the several schools.
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Masters Mr Frederick P. Leverett was chosen master of
Latin the Latin School for the ensuing year.

Eng. High Mr Solomon P Miles for the English High School.

African Mr William Bascom for the African School.

Hawes Mr Mark Anthony De-Wolf Howe for the Hawes School.

On motion of Alderman Russell it was Voted - That the
Petition petitioners, sundry inhabitants of South Boston, who had
from requested that Mr Howe might be removed from
S. Boston the office of master of the Hawes School; have
leave to withdraw their petition.

The petition
Petition of John M Marston requesting that his son
J.M. Marston might be permitted to enter the Eng. High Sch.
to allow provided he were otherwise qualified, though
his son to he had not quite attained the requisite age;
enter was committed to the subcommittee of that school
High Sch. with power to grant said request if they think
it expedient. —

The following elections were then made by ballot.

Franklin Franklin School Mr Richard G Parker

Bowdoin Bowdoin do. Mr Abraham Andrews

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Aug. Hancock School — Mr Barnum Field.

Mayhew Mayhew do — Mr William Clough.

Eliot Eliot do. — Mr Cornelius Walker.

Boylston Boylston do. — Mr. Charles Fox

Adams Adams do — Mr Samuel Barrett.

Adjourned to monday next at 3 o'clock P.M. to receive the report of the quarterly examination of the English High School.

Aug 16th Monday August 16th Committee met agreeably to the last note; and Mr Shaw being unable to attend; the quarterly report of the examination of the Eng. High School was read by the chairman.

Petition of John Ballard

A petition of Mr John Ballard, requesting that his son may be permitted to enter the Eng. High School, at the present term, as he wants but 3 days of being 12 years of age, & is presumed to be well qualified in other respects; Was referred to committee of that school with power, as in the case of Marston at the last meeting.

Ushers

The following vote was then passed in the affirmative — Voted; That the Chairman and Secretary of this Committee, be authorized to give, to each of the Ushers, who may retire from the publick service, & who may request it, a testimonial of the form annexed, provided such usher has the certificate of the subcommittee of the school, that his conduct, as an instructer, has been satisfactory.

Testimonial to Ushers

The School Committee of the City of Boston hereby, make known, that Mr — — has for sometime past, been in the publick employment of the City, as an instructer in one of the publick schools, that he has given good satisfaction to the committee, in that capacity

1830 Aug. and that he now leaves the situation in consequence of a change of system, which does not admit of his employment. The Committee therefore would cheerfully recommend him to the favourable attention of those who may have occasion for his services.

Meeting adjourned sine die.

Sept^br 9th A special meeting of the School Committee was held this day, by order of the chairman.
There were present, The Mayor, and Aldermen Russell, Armstrong, Wells, Williams, McCleary, Loring & Lewis, & Messrs Loring, Streeter, Shipley, Emerson, Barrett, Davis, Stevenson, Gannett, Savage, Shaw, Hall, & Adams.

Memorial of Inhabitants of Fort-Hill &c The object of the meeting was a memorial from sundry inhabitants, parents & others who send their children to the Boylston School; praying that females may be again permitted to attend said school.

Said memorial was committed to a special committee of seven, to consider & report. The following gentlemen constituted said committee – Messrs Oliver, Wells J. F. Loring, Armstrong, Savage, Hall, & Adams.

Final Report on Mr Snelling's Petition A final report from the committee appointed to take into consideration the petition of Mr Jonathan Snelling, was then read, & after much discussion and the adoption of many amendments to the report – it was Resolved, "In order to carry into execution the regulation relating to the English High School, which provides that the several classes receive instruction in writing; and for the introduction of similar instruction into the Latin Grammar School; It is expedient to provide for the appointment of a writing master for said schools, to receive an annual compensation of 300 dolls. for each of said schools". It was further also Voted, "That the masters of the Latin & Eng. High Schools be authorized to appoint a writing master with the approbation of the subcommittees of those schools, for the above purposes, and to carry the above resolution into effect."

Introduction of Writing into Latin School

Fires in Girls' Schools The subcommittee of Girls' Schools were authorized to procure suitable persons, to make the fires for said

1830 Sept 1st schools, during the season for them, at the publick expense.

" A verbal report of the subcommittee of the Eng. High School, was offered stating that they had granted the petition in favour of admitting William Whiting, Francis J. Ballard & George Marston into said school; also that they had recommended to Mr. Miles to examine & receive if qualified, George L. Lingis & Roswell B. Streeter, who had been prevented by various causes from presenting themselves at the proper time;

Eng. High Sch.

Hale's

Also that a son of Mr Nathan Hale might be admitted into said school provisionally, subject to the approbation of the School Committee. And that they have considered the applications of William H Bennett & James W Badger; but concluded that it would be too wide a departure from the established rules & policy of the School to recommend their admission.

Centennial

Voted; that the above report be accepted.

Voted; that the masters of the several publick schools in the City, be permitted to suspend their schools on the 17th inst. that they may be enabled to comply with the invitation of the City authorities, to aid in the publick celebration of the festival, on said day.

Adjourned.

Oct 1st 19 A special meeting of the School Committee was held this day at the Mayor and Aldermen's Rooom. The Mayor being absent Alderman Russell was called to the chair. There were present Aldermen Russell, Wells, Armstrong, McCleary, Williams, Loring & Lewis, and Messrs. Hall, Stevenson, Emerson, Gannett, Shipley, Loring, Savage & Adams.

The committee were distributed as follows, into several subcommittees, to superintend the annual exhibition of the Girls.

Franklin School { Messrs Otis, Hall, Wells, Lewis, Gannett, Stevenson,

Bowdoin School { Messrs. Russell, Savage, Armstrong S. F. Loring, Barrett.

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Hancock School { Messrs. Oliver, McCleary, Streeter, C. G. Loring & Adams.

Hawes School { Messrs. Shaw, Emerson, Davis Williams and Shipley.

On motion of Alderman Wells, it was voted, That the annual exhibition of girls, this year, be postponed to the second wednesday in november next.

Medals to Girls

It was also voted, That the subcommittee of each of the three girls' schools, have power to bestow any number of medals, not exceeding twelve, in each of said schools.

The subcommittee appointed to consider a plan and estimate of refitting the Bowdoin School, presented a plan and made a report, which were again recommitted to the same committee, and the further consideration of ~~the same~~ postponed to the next meeting of this board.

Memorial of former Writing Masters

A memorial signed by P. Macintosh jr., James Robinson and Otis Pierce, in which they requested a grant of 300 dolls. each or that some addition should be made to their salaries; was read and committed to Messrs Armstrong, Wells & Adams to consider & report.

A memorial was presented "from the inhabitants of Ward No 5 & others included in the District of the Mayhew School", which was read & referred to the same committee which had under consideration a similar memorial from inhabitants of the eastern part of the City.

Dr Tuckerman's Memorial

A letter, accompanied by a memorial, respecting the supplying of poor children with books, was received from Rev. Dr. Tuckerman. They were read & referred to Messrs Davis Wells & Hall to consider & report.

The committee appointed on the 14th of July last, to consider & report what sum it may be expedient to transfer from the appropriation for salaries of schoolmasters to the appropriation for the repairs of schoolhouses and other contingencies; reported, "That the sum now remaining of the appropriation for the salaries of the masters, will fall short of what is needed for this purpose, about 1600 dollars"

which report was accepted.

Oct. 11 Mr Savage, chairman of the committee, to whom was referred the memorial of the inhabitants about Fort Hill, read a report, which terminated with the recommendation, that the further consideration of the subject be referred to the 1st day of January next which report was accepted. It was also voted, that a copy of the same be presented by the secretary, to the chairman of the committee appointed by the memorialists.

Meeting adjourned.

Oct. 28th At a special meeting of the School Committee was holden this day, at the Mayor and Aldermen's new room, City-Hall. Present the Mayor and Aldermen Russell, Webb, Armstrong, Loring and Oliver; and Messrs Savage Stevenson, Hall, Loring Wheeler, Bassett, Shipley, Gannett and Adams.

Special vacation Latin Sch. On motion of Dr. Stevenson, it was voted; That on account of the marriage, this day, of Mr. Leverett, principal of the Latin School, there be allowed a vacation of the two succeeding days to said school.

Bowdoin Sch. The committee on refitting the Bowdoin School-House, again presented the same report and plan, as at the last meeting; which, after some discussion were finally accepted, with the modification, that the plan might be varied at the discretion of the Mayor and Aldermen.

Franklin Sch. A letter was read by Mr Hall, from Mr Parker of the Franklin School, stating that an evil existed in his school, in the want of uniformity in the geographies used there. That the former master of said school did not effect the exchange of the old, for the new edition, according to the vote of this board passed in June last, & that the publishers were unwilling to make the exchange now. This subject was referred to the book committee, to whom were added, for this purpose, Messrs Hall and Williams.

Mayhew Sch. The Mayor made a verbal communication respecting a complaint which had been made to him against Mr Clough of the Mayhew school, for having severely whipped a boy named Chandler

1830 This communication was referred to the subcommittee of that school.

A written application, was presented, for leave to use one of the rooms in the Adams school house, for an infant sunday school; which request was granted under the direction of the subcommittee of that school.

Infant School in Adams SchoolHouse

A committee was appointed to consider & report the best means of carrying into effect the rule of this board, respecting the vaccination of the children in the publick schools. This committee consisted of Messrs. Stevenson, Adams & E. G. Loring

Vaccination Com.

Meeting Adjourned.

Nov 9th

The last regular quarterly meeting of the School-Committee, for this year, was held on this day, at the room of the Mayor and Aldermen. Present, The Mayor and Aldermen Wells, Armstrong, Russell Loring, McCleary, Oliver, & Williams, and Messrs. Shipley, Barrett, Savage, Stevenson, Hall, Streeter, Emerson, Gennett, Shaw & Adams.

Quart'y Rep'ts

Quarterly reports were read by the chairmen of the several subcoms. of the Latin & English-High-Schools, and of the Eliot, Hancock, Mayhew, Bowdoin, Boylston, Adams, Franklin, Hawes and African Schools.

Report on Mr Clough's Case of severely Whipping a Boy.

A report was read from the chair, of the subcommittee of the Mayhew School, on the case of Mr Clough, master of that school, who had been accused of whipping, too severely, one of his pupils. After a careful exhibition of all the facts in the case, the report terminated with the recommendation that the said master be reprimanded by the chairman of this committee. The report was accepted

Inh.ts W.d 5. vs. new system

The report of the committee appointed to consider a memorial against the new school-system from Inhabitants of Ward No 5 and others in the district of the Mayhew school, was read by the chairman Mr Savage. This report recommended that the subject be referred to the next school committee.

It was voted, that the report be laid upon the table. — It was further voted; That the com-

1830 Nov. mittee appointed at a former meeting, on the memorial of Dr. Tuckerman, respecting the furnishing of poor children with books, be enlarged, by adding thereto the chairmen of the several sub-committees of the grammar schools, and that the above report of Mr Savage be also referred to the same committee

Report on Salaries of the Submasters of the 3 girls' schools 1000 dolls. per annum

Alderman Armstrong read a report on the subject of the memorial of the submasters of the 3 girls' schools. This report terminated with the following resolution; "Resolved that the salaries of the submasters of the girls' schools, viz. the Franklin, Hancock and Bowdoin schools, shall be at the rate of One Thousand dollars a year, payable quarterly, instead of the salary heretofore established". which was accepted.

Voted that when this board adjourn, it be, to meet at the same place, on tuesday one fortnight from this day at 4 O'clock P.M.

Adjourned Accordingly

Nov 22d. A special meeting of the school committee was held this according to adjournment. Present the Mayor and Aldermen Loring, Russell, Wells, Williams, Armstrong & Oliver, and Messrs Savage, Shaw, Streater, Stevenson, Barrett, Gannett Shipley, Emerson, Loring, Davis, Hall and Adams —

Wd. 5. Tuckerman

The committee to which was referred the memorial of Rev. Doct. Tuckerman, & also the report on memorial of Ward No 5 reported progress & asked permission to sit again; which was granted.

Memorial of Submasters of Boys' Schools

A memorial was received and read, from the submasters of the 4 boys' schools, on the subject of raising their salaries. This memorial was committed to Messrs Armstrong Wells & Adams to consider and report.

Report on S. T. Adams' Case

The committee on the petition of Mr Samuel T. Adams for compensation for extra services at the Bowdoin School, reported that he have leave to withdraw his petition; which was accepted. —

Dr. Stevenson presented a new edition of "Viri Romæ" accompanied by a private note from Mr.

1830 Nov. Leverett of the Latin School, expressing a wish that the book might be introduced into his school, instead of "Liber Primus" & the old "Viri Romæ".

This subject was referred to the book committee, to report at the next meeting.

Reports of Com on Vaccination. The committee appointed to consider what measures may be taken to secure a compliance with the rule of vaccination, contained in the regulations of this board, presented a report, ending with the following resolution -

Resolved; that the 15th regulation of the 1st Chapter in the 2d section, of the rules of this Committee, be thus amended; "every child which is offered for admission at either of the publick schools, shall present the certificate of a physician, that the child has been secured against the contagion of small-pox; and no child shall be received at any such school without such certificate, unless on return from the master, the subcommittee of the school shall order such child to be received."

This report was ordered to lie on the table.

Franklin Sch. Alderman Armstrong presented a bill for the payment, for certain books &c. for the use of the Franklin school, which was referred to the committee of accounts, with power to allow the same or not as they shall think proper.

Another bill was also presented by Alderman Oliver for books purchased for the use of the teachers in the Franklin School - This was referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs Armstrong, Hall, & Shreeter to consider and report.

Motion to reconsider a former vote & allow the girls to attend the Boylston School. Negatived. It was moved by Alderman Russell, that the vote of this committee passed on the 14th of October last, by which the further consideration of the memorial of inhabitants residing in the vicinity of Boylston School, was postponed, to the first day of January next, be reconsidered.

This motion caused considerable discussion, & upon the decision, it was noted that the yeas & nays be taken, whereupon it was decided in the negative, 10 being in the negative & 8 in the affirmatives. — It was moved that when this

1830 Nov. 22 meeting adjourn, it be to meet at the same place this day fortnight at 4 O'clock P.M. which was passed in the affirmative — ~~The meeting was then adjourned accordingly~~ —

It was voted that the secretary be requested to report, at the next meeting of this committee what unfinished business remains to be acted upon, the present municipal year.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Decr 7th The Committee met this day according to adjournment, Present The Mayor and Aldermen Loring Armstrong, Russell, Williams Oliver & Wells; & Messrs Streeter, Hall, Savage, Davis, Loring, Shipley, Gannett & Emerson & Adams. The Committee on the subject of furnishing poor children with books, presented a very full & detailed report; which terminated with the following words, "That it is inexpedient to take any further measures on the subject of a supply of books for the schools, at the publick expense". This report was accepted, and the secretary was requested to send a copy of the same to Rev. Doctr. Tuckerman, & also to the memorialists of Ward No 5. who had petitioned the committee on this subject.

Report of Com. on furnishing Books at Pub. Expense

The subcom. to which was referred a bill presented for books for the use of instructors & teachers in the Franklin school; reported "that said bill ought not to be allowed, but that such books should be purchased & paid for by those who own & use them, as at the other schools." Accepted.

Books Not furnished the Instructors

The committee on the subject of the petition of the submasters of the 4 boys' schools, for an increase of salary, reported, "That the further consideration of this petition be referred to the school committee of the next year," which was accepted —

Report on Submasters' Petition

The book-committee made a report on the introduction of the new edition of Liber Primus & Viri Romæ by Leverett & Bradford, into the Latin school; which recommended that said book be introduced provided, that the copies of the old edition now in the hands of the boys, shall not be supplanted by the new edition." which was accepted

Introduction of new Liber Primus &c into Latin School

1830 Dec.r Sullivan's Political Class Book

The same committee also presented a report on Mr Sullivan's "Political Class-Book" That it is inexpedient, at this time, to introduce said book into our schools" This was amended, on motion of Alderman Oliver, as follows, That it is expedient that said book be referred to the next school committee," which amendment was accepted.

The following orders were then passed, & the secretary was requested to cause copies of the same to be printed & one to be sent to each of the masters of the publick schools, & also to each member of the committee.-

Order on Tardiness & on the admission of Children Without Books

Ordered— "That the several masters of the grammar schools be informed by the secretary, that in the opinion of the Committee, Tardy children may be received at the schools, in conformity with the Regulation in Sect II. Chap. 2d art. 3 beyond the time & five minutes after opening the same" also, "That children not supplied with books may be permitted to remain in the schools, until their cases are reported to the sub-committees, & until a final decision is had upon the subject.

The report on vaccination, which was ordered to lie on the table, at the last meeting, was then taken up, and the resolution, (vide, record of last meeting) was adopted, with the amendment, that fourteen days be allowed each child to obtain such certificate, and that the same go into operation after the first monday of January next.

Certificate of Vaccination

Ward 5.

The report on the subject of a memorial from inhabitants of Ward No. 5 and others in the vicinity of the Mayhew School, was accepted, & a copy ordered to be sent to the memorialists, by the secretary.

The secretary reported, according to a vote at the last meeting, that he knew of no unfinished business that remained to be acted upon, the present municipal year. Report accepted, and the meeting adjourned "sine die".

E. B. Adams
Secretary

1831. January. At a meeting of the School committee, of the City of Boston, at the Mayor and Aldermen's room in the City Hall, on Thursday, the thirteenth day of January, Anno Domini, 1831. —

The following Gentlemen appeared and took their seats viz!

Harrison Gray Otis. Mayor.

Aldermen.

Henry J. Oliver	Henry Farnam
Samuel T. Armstrong	Adam Bent
Benjamin Russell	John Binney
John B. Mc Cleary.	Richard D. Harris.

From the wards.

Ward N°. 1.	Sebastian Streeter. 7	Ward N°. 7.	Jon^a Greely Stevenson. 9
" " 2.	William Little jun^r. 6	" " 8.	Ezra S. Gannett. 2
" " 3.	Simon G. Shipley. 8	" " 9.	Henry Goodrich.
" " 4.	Ralph W. Emerson. 1	" " 10.	Wm. Hales. 4
" " 5.	Henry Williams 12	" " 11.	Samuel Shaw.
" " 6.	Samuel A. Wells. 11	" " 12.	James Hall.

Chairman elected

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor. Voted to proceed to the choice of a Chairman by ballot. Alderman Oliver & Mr. Williams were appointed to receive sort and count the votes; — They reported that the Honble Harrison Gray Otis was unanimously chosen.

Secretary elected.

The same committee was appointed to collect, sort and count the votes for a Secretary, and the votes being taken, it appeared, that Samuel T. Mc Cleary was chosen.

Dr. Stevenson's seat

Doctor Stevenson produced the certificate which he received; declaring, that Doctor John G. Stevenson, was elected a member of the School committee from Ward N°. 7. and it does not appear that any gentleman of that name is an Inhabitant of the City; but that the same was intended for Doctr Jonathan G. Stevenson. Thereupon voted; that said Doctr Jon^a G. Stevenson is entitled to a seat at this board. —

Rules &c. amended

The following sub committees of the several Schools were appointed; by nomination from the Chair agreably to the vote of the board. [It was voted, to amend the regulations in relation to the appointment of visiting or sub committees as follows vizt: § 1. art. 4. before the word "seven" preceding Latin School — and English High School, insert the words "at least" so that more than seven members may be appointed for each of said Schools] .

Sub-or visiting committees.

Sub. com^es

Latin — Messrs Otis, Gannett, Armstrong, Emerson, Stevenson, Streeter, Oliver, Hales, Little, Williams

English High Messrs Shaw, Rufsell, Hall, McCleary, Farnam, Wells, Shipley, Binney, Goodrich, Bent, Harris

Eliot Messrs Streeter, Oliver, Little.

Hancock Messrs Wells, McCleary, Emerson.

Mayhew Messrs Emerson, Binney, Shipley.

Bowdoin Messrs Armstrong, Gannett, Williams.

Boylston Messrs Gannett, Farnam, Goodrich

Adams Messrs Rufsell, Stevenson, Hales.

Franklin Messrs Shaw, Hall, Harris

Hawes Messrs Hall, Bent, Harris.

African

Messrs Oliver — Williams — & Goodrich.

Primary Sch. Com^ee

The following gentlemen were nominated & appointed to have the care and superintendence of the primary schools vizt: Moses Grant —

George W. Blagden, James Clark, Daniel Henchman
Frederick Gould, Joseph Lewis, Elijah Cobb
Samuel N. Tenney, Seth W. Barnes, Eliphalet P. Hartshorn
Aaron Rufsell, Charles Walker, George W. Otis, jr.
John W. Paines, Jonas H. Lane, Enoch Hobart
Joseph W. Ingraham, Thomas Gray, jr. Thomas Wiley
Christopher Gore, Samuel Howe, Henry Dyer
William Palfrey, Thomas Power, Martin Gay
Joseph Clark, George A. Sampson, Louis Dwight
Charles Choate, Benj.^a H. Greene, Charles Stoddard
Frederick J. Gray, Lewis G. Pray, Francis Parkman

1831. Josiah F. Bumstead — J. D. Fisher — Thomas Hunting
January. Horatio Robinson — Geo. B. Emerson — John Stevens
Isaac Mansfield — Daniel T. Coit — Francis Jackson
Edward Pickering — Geo. H. Snelling — Wm. Taylor, jun.
Edward G. Davis — Geo. S. Bulfinch — Adam Bent
Matth. A. Barrett — Henry Hatch — Jeremy Drake
John Gulliver — Mellish I. Motte — Joy H. Fairchild
Asa Rand — Flavel Moseley — Freeman Hunt.
David H. Stover. John P. Spooner. Lemuel Capen. John P. Bigelow. Chandler Robbins,
Joseph W. McKean.

Snelling's petition. Petition of Jonathan Snelling, Teacher of writing in the Latin and English High Schools, formerly writing master of the Adams School, praying, that his quarter's salary be paid him, which has become due since his present appointment, or that such relief be granted him, as may be deemed just and expedient. Read and after mature deliberation thereon — Voted, That in the opinion of this committee, the said Snelling is entitled to his salary from the time of his appointment to his present office, notwithstanding his having received an extra quarter's salary on his quitting the service of the City as writing master of the Adams school.

Lash's petition. Petition of Robert Lash, praying, that George W. Field, a lad residing with him, and son of a friend of his, living at a distance from the City, may be admitted into the Latin grammar school. — Read and committed to the Mayor, Alderman Oliver and Mr. Wells, to consider and report.

Adjourned to meet at this place on the day of the regular quarterly meeting, viz. the second Tuesday of February next. 4 o'Clock, P. M.

Attest.
S. F. McCleary,
Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor & Aldermen's room, City Hall, on tuesday the eighth day of February, A. D. 1831.

Present—

The Honble Harrison Gray Otis, Mayor — Chairman.
Aldermen — River, Armstrong, Rupell, McCleary, Farnam, Bent, Binney, and Harris. — Messrs Streeter, Little, Shipley, Williams, Wells, Stevenson, Gannett, Goodrich, Hales and Hall. —

Semi annual returns.

Semi-annual returns were received from the masters of the following schools vizt: Eliot, Hancock, Bowdoin, Boylston, Franklin, Mayhew.

Quarterly reports.

Quarterly reports were made by the sub-committees of all the Schools — The Sub committee of the Hawes school stated in their report, that Mr Howe, the Master of that school had resigned, in consequence of receiving another appointment. The committee stated that they had advertized that a vacancy existed in said School, and that application might be made to the Chairman of said Sub committee prior to this day. Accordingly had received a number of applications, which he laid upon the table.

School houses alteration Rep^t

Voted, That the Chairmen of the several Sub committees of the several schools, be a committee, to consider and report, what sum of money it may be necessary to ask of the City Council, as an appropriation for alterations and repairs of School houses.

Hawes Sch.

The several applications with the documents accompanying the same, of Candidates for master of the Hawes School, ~~which~~ were read. —

Chairman pro tem.

The Chairman asked and obtained leave of absence and Samuel T. Armstrong Esqr was chosen Chairman pro tempore.

Hawes sch. Master ch.

Voted, to proceed to the choice of a master of the Hawes School, and if no choice should be made upon the first ballot, the three persons who should receive the highest number of votes, should be considered as candidates. The votes being taken, it appeared that the whole number was, eighteen. 18.

Necessary for a choice, ten. 10.

That William P. Page had twelve 12

And he was chosen.

Boylston Sch.

Voted, That Messrs Gannett, Wells and Harris be a committee to take into consideration and report upon the expediency of adopt-

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ing the following vote, on motion of the Revd Mr. Gannett viz:
"Voted, that in the opinion of this board, it is inexpedient that a "female school be kept in the ward room of the Boylston School house; & "that this opinion be expressed through this vote to the committee on "public buildings."

Dorr & Boylston sch. Petition of Joseph H. Dorr and others, Inhabitants of the easterly part of the City, and those who have sent their children of both sexes to the Boylston school; praying, that the regulations of the schools may be so altered; as to allow the female children to use one room, and the male children the other room of the Boylston school house. Read, and with the report of the committee accompanying the same; which was made the last year; were taken from the files, and committed to Messrs. Rupell, Goodrich, Hales, Shipley and Williams, to consider & report.

Sub masters of boys sch. Petition of the sub masters of the four boys schools, praying, that their salaries may be raised. Read and with the report of the committee accompanying the same, which was made the last year, were taken from the files and committed to Messrs. Streeter, Emerson, Gannett, Rupell & Little; to consider & report.

Voted, that when this meeting adjourn, it adjourn to meet at this place, on Wednesday, the 23d instant, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Adjourned to that time and place accordingly.

Attest.

E. M. Cleary.

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on Wednesday, the twenty third day of February, Anno Domini, 1831, pursuant to adjournment.

Present.

Honble Harrison Gray Otis, Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen Oliver, Russell, Mc Cleary, Farnam, Bent, and Harris. Mess^r Shooter Little, Shipley, Emerson, Williams, Wells, Stevenson, Gannett, Goodrich, Hales, Shaw and Hall.

Semi annual returns

Semi annual returns were received from the masters of the Adams and African Schools.

Appn for alterations & repairs of Sch. houses.

The committee who were appointed to consider and report what sum of money it may be necessary to ask of the City Council as an appropriation for alterations and repairs of School houses, have attended to the subject and ask leave to report, That it is necessary to construct a platform, at the English High School, for the purpose of placing thereon the Philosophical apparatus belonging to that school, the cost of which is estimated at $ 300. For repairing the roof and blinds of the Eliot school, including slating $ 450. Repairing the Bowdoin School house inside and out $ 1500. Removing the south wall, and altering seats of the Adams school house 800. Making a fence at the Franklin school house $300. Repairs at the Hawes School house $ 150. Apparatus for the several schools $ 500. Making in the whole $ 4000.

H. G. Otis, per order.

Read and accepted.

Dorr Boylston Sch.

The committee on the memorial of Joseph H. Dorr, Esq. & over two hundred other citizens, Inhabitants of the easterly part of the City, many of whom have sent their children of both sexes to the Boylston School; praying for reasons set forth in their memorial, that the School committee would so modify the late regulations of the Schools, as to allow the female children to be admitted to said School, have duly attended to, and considered the subject, and ascertained that the regulation of the School committee adopted the last year, has failed to effect the object contemplated thereby, as it regards the above school; and that the girls may be admitted to attend said School, without any material detriment to the operation of the system in other parts of the City; - on which system they are not called upon on the present occasion to express any opinion.

They therefore report, that the regulations of the School committee, adopted on the 13th July 1830. be so modified as that the Boylston school, on Fort Hill shall be a school for both sexes, and that there shall be appointed to said school one master, one sub master, two instructors and four assistants, one instructer and two assistants to be females.

For the committee. B. Russell.

The foregoing report after discussion, was accepted, and thereupon voted, that the same go into operation, on the first monday of March next.

Eng. h. Sch.

Noted, that the sub committee of the English high School, have full power to admit to said School, the three lads who have been employed as instructors in the Boylston school, and who shall be displaced by the new regulations of said school.

Com. on books.

Noted, that Samuel A. Wells. Esq. Alderman Armstrong, and Doctor Stevenson be a standing committee on Books.

Lincoln & Edmands.

Two communications from Messrs. Lincoln & Edmands accompanying an Atlas, with the elements of Geography. Also an improved edition of Fowles Geography, accompanied with an Atlas. Read and committed to the committee on books, to consider and report.

Sub masters of Boys Schs.

The committee to whom was referred, the petitions of the sub masters of the boys schools, for such an increase of salary, as shall make theirs equal to that of the sub masters of the girls schools. reported, as on file, that from the commencement of the next quarter, the salaries of the sub masters of the boys schools be nine hundred dollars, instead of eight hundred dollars. This recommendation, however, is made expressly, on the ground, that no unmarried man shall be employed as sub master in any of the schools for girls.

The foregoing report being read, and after much discussion thereon, the same was not accepted.

Boylston Schs. female sch in

The committee appointed to take into consideration the motion, that a vote be passed to remove the female school from the Ward room of the Boylston School, made a report, that it is expedient that a vote should be passed to that effect.

Which report was read and laid upon the table.

Adjourned.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on tuesday the tenth day of May, Anno Domini, 1831.

Present -

The Honble Harrison Gray Otis, Mayor, Chairman.
Aldermen - Oliver, Armstrong, Russell, Farnam, Binney and Harris.
Messrs Streeter, Little, Shipley, Emerson, Williams, Wells, Stevenson, Gannett, Goodrich, Hales and Hall.

2^y Rep^ts

Quarterly reports were made by the sub committees of all the schools.

Rules amended Corp^l pun.

Voted, that the regulations of this committee be altered and amended as follows vizt: "Chap. II. § 12, to read as follows vizt: "Corporal punishment shall not be inflicted by any instructor, excepting the master "and the sub master, nor shall blows in any case be given upon the head face or "neck, nor in any case upon females.

Rules am^d. Hours

Voted, that the several sub committees of the schools may at their discretion authorize the several masters to alter the hours of keeping the schools in the afternoons, ~~from~~ to make them 2 to 5 instead of 3 to 6. -

Snelling's Salary

Petition of Jonathan Snelling "Instructer in writing in the Latin and English High Schools" for an increase of his salary. Read and after discussion, it was voted to add thereto the sum of $400, so as to make the same one thousand dollars per annum payable quarterly, commencing on the first day of April last.

Masters Pet^n

Petition of the Masters of the Adams, Boylston, Eliot and Mayhew Schools, praying that the salaries of the sub masters of those schools may be raised and made equal to those of the female schools - Read and mature delibration thereon, it was voted, that said salaries be raised accordingly to one thousand dollars per annum payable quarterly, commencing on the first day of April last.

Sch. houses repairs &

Voted, that the several sub committees, be authorized to make such alterations and repairs in their several school houses, and provide the necessary apparatus, as may be necessary, provided they do not exceed the limits of the several appropriations made for those objects.

African Sch. books

Ordered, the sub committee, be authorized to furnish the children of the African School, with such books as they may require, and who are unable to furnish themselves, provided the same shall not exceed the sum of twenty five dollars, to be paid out of the Smith fund.

School returns

Voted, that Messrs Oliver, Shipley & Farnam, be a committee to make a return of the state of the Schools, to the Secretary of the

Commonwealth, according to the requisition of the Legislature.

Boys sch. Com.ee to exam.

Voted, that Messrs. Binney, Wells & Goodrich be a committee, to examine the pupils of the several boys Schools, in all the branches taught therein, in order to ascertain the condition of said schools and to report the same to this board.

Girls sch. Com.ee to exam

Voted, that Messrs. Mavers, Williams & Little be a committee to examine the pupils of the several girls Schools, and make a report as above expressed.

Exam.n com.ee

Voted, that Messrs. Hall, Dexter & Rupell be a committee to examine the pupils in the Boylston, Bowes & African Schools and make a report as above expressed.

Morton Adams Sch.

Petition of Andrew Morton, and others, praying that the Adams School may be so arranged, that female children shall attend the same, or in other words to have the School restored to the same standing, that it was previous to the change of the last season. Read and committed to Messrs. Rupell, Parman, Stevenson, Williams & Gannett, to consider & report.

Absences from Schools

Voted, that Messrs. Oliver, Streeter & Gannett, be a committee to consider and report upon the subject of the daily absences of the pupils of the several ~~schools~~ English grammar schools, and also to report upon the application of some proper remedy.

Books

Voted, that Messrs. Williams, Wells & Armstrong, be a committee to consider and report, whether any, & if any what system can be adopted, by which our public schools can be furnished with the necessary books, at less expense than is now incurred for them.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

S. H. McCleary,

Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston; held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on tuesday, the ninth day of August, Anno Domini, 1831.

Present.

The Honble Harrison Gray Otis, Mayor, Chairman.
Aldermen Oliver, Armstrong, Russell, McCleary, Binney and Harris.
Messrs Sleeper, Emerson, Williams, Wells, Stevenson, Gannett, Goodrich, Shaw and Hall.

Semi annual Returns. Semi annual returns were received from the masters of the following schools vizt Eliot, Mayhew, Bowdoin, Adams, African, Mayhew, Hancock, and Boylston.

Quart^r repts Quarterly reports were made by the sub committees of all the schools which were read by the several chairmen

Boys sch. The sub committee appointed for the purpose of examining the Boys schools to ascertain the comparative state and condition of those schools, made a report as on file, which was read.

Franklin, Hancock & Bowdoin Girls Sch. The sub committee appointed for the annual examination of the Franklin, Hancock & Bowdoin schools, being schools for females, made a report as on file, which was read.

Boylston, Hawes & African The committee appointed for the annual examination of the Boylston, Hawes and African schools, made a report, as on file, which was read.

Eng. H. The sub committee of the English High School made an annual report of the state of said school, as on file; which was read.

Morton The committee on the petition of Andrew Morton, and others, praying that girls may be admitted to the Adams school, Report, that they heard the petitioners, and were informed by them, that the arrangements made for the admission of girls to the Boylston School, had removed their complaints, & that no further order need to be taken by the School committee in the premises.

Read and accepted.

Apparatus. The sub committee, composed of the Chairmen of the several grammar schools appointed to procure apparatus for such schools as have not been heretofore supplied, Report in part, that the appropriation of the City for the above purpose was five hundred dollars. That at successive meetings of the sub committee it was voted; that the following articles be furnished to the schools which are deficient thereof vizt: Clocks, one for each room, Blackboards, Abacus, Geometricals and Terrestrial globes, one for each school: that the Chairman be instructed to ascertain the deficiencies aforesaid; & that the apparatus to

be supplied be of uniform quality. It was also voted, that the chairman be authorized to procure said apparatus. The Chairman in obedience to the above votes addressed notes to the instructors of the several schools & received in answer, that all the schools have already been furnished with Terrestrial globes; that several of them had been furnished with clocks & blackboards, and one of them with an Abacus, and that the following articles have been procured by him, as per schedule on file. That the sets are uniform, with the exception of one black board furnished to the Franklin School, the walls of which being so constructed as not to admit of the suspention of the one intended. The sub committee add, that they were not instructed to provide any additional apparatus for the Latin, High and African schools, all of which are deficient in Clocks, and some other articles; and that there is an unexpended balance of the appropriation of 240 dollars 96 cents. For the committee.

B. Russell.

Read & thereupon ordered, that said committee be authorized & instructed to procure such articles as may be required, and such apparatus for the several schools as they may deem expedient, the cost of which not to exceed the amount of the balance of the above appropriation.

Hersey
Mayhew Sch.

The sub committee of the Mayhew school have considered the memorial of Charles Hersey, & others, referred to them, & respectfully report, that the memorialists complain of two grievances. I. That the masters have refused permission to the boys to leave the school & go into the yard, on their necessary occasions. II. That the boys are employed to clean the inkstands & sweep the school rooms by way of punishment. With regard to the first grievance the committee have made inquiry & have reason to believe that it can never have existed but in few & rare cases, & that at present it does not exist. With regard to the second complaint, & to the suggestion of the memorialists that the work may be done by means of a small tax on the boys, or at the expense of the City, the committee are of opinion, that the familiar usage of the other schools had better be retained in this, of giving this work to all the boys of the school in alphabetical rotation, which is now done at the Mayhew School. It is done generally with great willingness by the boys, who have the same number of credits for sweeping the room well, that they would receive for a lesson well learned. The committee are satisfied that this mode of accomplishing the work will be more generally acceptable than either of those proposed by the memorialists. As to the cleaning of inkstands, each boy is required when his ink stand is foul to carry it out & wash it, which does not seem to your committee, a rule which requires any change. R. W. Emerson for the committee.

Read and accepted.

Howe
Eliot Sch.

Petition of John Howe complaining of the conduct of Wm. Cornelius Walker, master of the Eliot School, in improper treatment to his Son and daughter, and praying that his conduct might be enquired into. Read and committed to the sub Committee of this School viz: Messrs. Streeter, Oliver & Little to consider and report.

Vose
Franklin Sch.

Petition of Samuel D. Vose, & others, that the boys may be permitted to attend the Franklin School as they did before the late alteration of the School Syslem. Read & committed to the sub committee of that School, viz: Messrs. Shaw, Hall and Harris, to consider and report.

Books

The committee appointed to consider and report, if any, and if any, what syslem can be devised by which our publick Schools can be supplied with the necessary books at less expense than is now incurred therefor" respectfully report, that they have made some progress in the work assigned them, but as it is a subject, in their opinion of great importance; one which requires great consideration, and as there is no pressing necessity for an immediate alteration, they ask farther time to perfect and make their report.

All which is respectfully submitted

H. Williams, Chairman.

Read and accepted.

Exhibition of Schools Com.tee

Voted, that Messrs. Armstrong, Emerson & Stevenson be a committee to make, arrange and distribute the several members of this board into committees to attend the annual exhibition of the boys schools — who reported as follows viz.

Eliot School	Messrs.	Otis, Gannett, Hall and Goodrich.
Mayhew	"	Shaw, Bent, McCleary & Hales.
Adams	"	Harris, Binney, Williams & Wells.
Boylston	"	Russell, Shipley and Little.
Hawes	"	Oliver, Farnam and Streeter.
African	"	Emerson, Stevenson and Armstrong.
Latin	"	Shaw, Farnam, Bent, Binney, Harris, Streeter, Little, Emerson, Stevenson and Gannett.
English High	"	Otis, Oliver, Armstrong, Russell, McCleary, Shipley, Williams, Wells, Goodrich, Hales and Hall.

Read & accepted & ordered accordingly.

Voted, that the several Schools be visited, commencing at 9 o'clock in the morning of the 24th instant, except the Latin & High Schools & that they be visited commencing at 12 o'clock.

Medals.

Voted, That the several sub committees return the names of the Candidates for medals which they shall select, to the Secretary on or before the Saturday next preceding the day of exhibition and that the Committee on the Boylston School be directed to assign not more than three medals to the boys.

School masters chosen

The board proceeded by ballot to the choice of masters of the several Schools, and the votes being successively taken the following Gentlemen were elected for the year ensuing viz:

Latin School. Frederick P. Leverett.
English High School. Solomon P. Miles.
Eliot " Cornelius Walker.
Hancock " Barnum Field.
Mayhew " William Clough.
Bowdoin " Abraham Andrews.
Boylston " Charles Fox.
Adams " Samuel Barrett.
Franklin " Richard G. Parker.
Hawes " William P. Page.
African " William Bascom.

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned, to meet at this place, on tuesday, the thirteenth day of September next, at 4 o'clock, P. M.;

Adjourned to that time and place accordingly.

Attest;
S. M. Cleary.
Secretary.

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At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen room, City hall, on Tuesday the thirteenth day of September, Anno Domini, 1831.—

Present.

Hon.ble Harrison Gray Otis, Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen—Armstrong, Russell, McCleary, Farnam, Bent, and Harris.

Messrs. Streeter, Little, Shipley, Emerson, Wells, Stevenson, Gannett, Goodrich, Hale, and Hall.

Latin Sch. Leverett Master resigns.

Communication from F. P. Leverett, Principal master of the Latin School, declaring, that he has decided to relinquish from the service of the City; that he will remain in his present situation, if agreeable to the board, until the end of the quarter being the last day of this month.

Read—and thereupon ordered, That the Secretary cause advertisements to be inserted in the public newspapers, that applications will be received from persons who may wish, and are duly qualified to fill such vacancy, until the eleventh day of October, next.—

Masters of Gram: Sch. for increase of Salary.

Petition of the masters of the several grammar schools praying, that their salaries may be raised to the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, per annum, each: Read, and committed to Messrs. Armstrong, McCleary, Wells, Stevenson and Gannett, and that said committee be instructed to consider and report, upon the subject of salaries of the masters, and instructors of all the public schools. And also what compensation ought to be allowed to the Secretary of this committee.

Eng. h. Sch

The quarterly report of the English High School, read and accepted; as made by the sub committee.

Eliot Sch.

The quarterly report of the sub committee of the Eliot School read and committed to the committee on Salaries to consider & report.

Mayhew Sch.

The quarterly report of the sub committee of the Mayhew School read and committed to Messrs. Oliver, Streeter and Gannett, to consider & report.

Boylston Sch.

The quarterly report of the sub committee of the Boylston School read and committed to Messrs. Gannett, Goodrich & Farnam, to consider & report., And that said committee be instructed to confer with the committee of the primary schools in relation to the subjects contained in said report connected with those schools.

Boys sch. Studies

The annual report of the sub committee appointed for the purpose of examining the boys schools to ascertain the comparative state and condition of those schools, read and committed to Messrs. Wells, Hall, Harris, Emerson and Little, and that said committee be instructed to consider

the expediency of adopting a uniform mode of classification of the Schools of prescribing and assigning the studies to each class, and the term of time to be applied to them, and to report a plan.—

Boylston Sch. — Books — Voted, that so much of the quarterly report of the Sub committee of the Boylston school, which relates to books be referred to the committee on books (viz: Messrs Wells, Armstrong & Stevenson) to consider and report.,

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned, to meet at this place on tuesday, the eleventh day of October, next, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned to that time and place accordingly.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary

AT a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on tuesday, the eleventh day of October, Anno Domini, 1831.

Present-

Aldermen Oliver, Armstrong, Rufsell, McCleary, Bent, Binney and Harris.
Messrs Streeter, Tillie, Shipley, Emerson, Wells, Stevenson, Gannett, Hales, & Hall.

Chairman pro tem.

The Chairman being absent by reason of indisposition, the board proceeded by ballot, to the choice of a Chairman pro tempore; and the votes being taken, it appeared that Henry J. Oliver, Esquire, was chosen.

Goodrich Sch. Com.ee dec.d

On motion of the Rev.d Mr. Gannett, and seconded by Alderman Rufsell, the following resolutions were paped by a unanimous vote.

Whereas, since the last meeting of the School committee Divine Providence has by the death of Mr. Henry Goodrich deprived this board of the coöperation of a faithful member.

Resolved, that this board sympathise with the family of the late Henry Goodrich under their bereavement, and are sensible that while his immediate relatives mourn the los of one whose domestic qualities endeared him to them, the members of this committee have lost a worthy and friendly coadjutor, & the community of which they are representatives a citizen, whose upright, active and benevolent character gave him an influence which the fiends of order and morality must grieve to have withdrawn.

Resolved, that a copy of the preceding resolutions after it shall have been entered on the Records of the School committee be sent to the family of the late Mr. Goodrich.

Vaccination

The committee to whom was referred the question whether a pupil passing from one of the public schools to another (carrying a transfer from the master of the school which he has left, should be received into the school to which he applies without presenting a certificate of his vaccination. Report, That in their opinion such transfer is sufficient.

Read and accepted, and thereupon ordered, that a copy be sent to each master of the grammar schools.

Latin Sch. master.

Agreeably to asignment the board proceeded to the subject of the election of a Master of the Latin School, and the several applications with the documents accompanying were read, it was voted to suspend the balloting until the following report was disposed of.

Salaries.

The sub committee to whom was referred the petition of the Masters of the Grammar schools for an increase of their Salaries and who were instructed to consider and report upon the subject of Salaries of the mas-

and instructers of all the public schools. Also what compensation ought to be allowed to the Secretary of the School committee; having considered those subjects ask leave to Report. That the salaries of all the masters and other instructers of all the public schools should continue at the same sums as are now paid; with the exception of the male and female apistants. Your Sub committee recommend the male apistants be paid one hundred Dollars a year; and that the female apistants be paid seventy five dollars a year. They recommend that the sum of one hundred dollars be paid to the Secretary of the board for his services. By order of the com^ee Sam. T. Armstrong.

Read and accepted.

Latin Sch. master chosen.

The board proceeded by ballot, to the election of a master of the Latin School, and the votes being taken it appeared that Charles K. Dillaway, was chosen.

Primary Sch. Com^e Children too old to attend.

Memorial of the Primary School committee praying, that they may have power to establish schools for the education of those children who are too old to be admitted to the primary schools, and are not qualified for the grammar schools. Read and committed to Messrs Emerson, Binney, Shipley, Farnam & Hales, to consider & report.

Girls schools Exhibition of.

Voted, that Messrs Armstrong, Streeter & Gannett, be a committee to arrange and distribute the several members of this board into committees to attend the annual exhibition of the girls schools who reported, that they had arranged them as follows, vizt:

Franklin School,	Messrs	Shaw, Oliver, Farnam and Streeter.
Bowdoin "	"	Otis, Armstrong, Binney, Shipley & Little.
Hancock "	"	McCleary, Harris, Wells, and Williams.
Boylston "	"	Stevenson, Russell, Hales and Gannett.
Hawes "	"	Hall, Bent and Emerson.

Medals.

Voted, that the several sub committees return the names of the candidates for medals whom they shall select, to the Secretary, on or before the Saturday next preceding the day of exhibition, & that the committee on the Boylston School be directed to apign not more than three medals to the girls; and in the Hawes school not more than two.

Truants.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of this board, to whom was referred the quarterly report of the sub committee of the Mayhew school, calling upon the attention of the board to the subject of absences, by truants, from the schools, & to report upon the best means of treating such offenders — made a

Report, which was read and ordered to be laid upon the table, and that the same be printed for the use of the members of this board, and that the several letters accompanying the same be also printed.

(The meeting was then adjourned).

Attest,
Wm. E. McCleary,
Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City hall, on tuesday the eighth day of November, Anno Domini, 1831.

Present -

Honble Harrison Gray Otis, Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen Oliver, Armstrong, Russell, McCleary, Bent, Binney and Harris.

Messrs Streeter, Little, Shipley, Emerson, Williams, Wells, Stevenson, Gannett, Hales and Hall.

Quarterly Reports. Quarterly reports were made, by the sub committees of all the Schools, except the English High School, which were read.

Prim. Sch. The committee to whom was referred the petition of Moses Grant and Frederick W. Gray, in behalf of the primary School committee; praying, that they may have power to establish Schools for the education of those children who are too old to be admitted to the primary Schools, made a report, which was read and referred to the Mayor with instructions to consult the City Solicitor respecting the power of the School committee to establish the Schools prayed for.

Eaton Petition of Ezra Eaton, praying that his son who was dismissed from the Eliot School, on account of his being of the age of fourteen years, last August, may be permitted to continue in said School, for the present. Read and thereupon ordered, that the sub committee be authorized to readmit said boy into the School aforesaid.

Jaquith's Petition of Moses Jaquith, and others, stating, "that the conduct of Messrs Clough and Capen, teachers in the Mayhew School is reprehensible in a high degree, and such as makes them totally unfit for the responsible place assigned them by the School committee" wherefore they pray that they be removed from their present station. Read and thereupon

Ordered, that Messrs. Clough and Capen be notified to appear before this committee at its next meeting, and that copies of the memorial and such complaints as the complainants may see fit to make, be served upon Messrs. Clough and Capen.

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned to meet at this place, on Thursday next, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned to that time and place accordingly.

Attest,
S. F. McCleary,
Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston; held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on Thursday, the tenth day of November, Anno Domini, 1831.

Present -

Hon.ble Harrison Gray Otis, Mayor, Chairman.
Aldermen River, Armstrong, Rufell, McCleary, Bent, Binney & Harris.
Messrs. Streeter, Little, Shipley, Emerson, Williams, Wells, Stevenson, Bennett, Hales and Hall.

Eng. H. Sch. The sub committee of the English High School made a quarterly report of the state of said School which was read.

Primary sch. The committee of Conference appointed on the subject of a want of conformity between the regulations of this board & of the primary school board - made a report, which was read and the further consideration of the subject was postponed to the next meeting.

Clough & Capen Mayhew Sch. Agreeably to notice papsed at the last meeting Messrs. William Clough and Aaron D. Capen, the master and sub master of the Mayhew School, appeared, and the several accusations against them were read; and after an examination of divers witnesses under oath in support of the same, and the hearing of several boys, scholars in said School, who were alledged to have been unreasonably punished by the above named Master and sub master; the further consideration of the subject was postponed until tomorrow afternoon, half past three o'clock, at this place.

Adjourned to that time and place accordingly.

Attest,
S. F. McCleary, Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on Friday, the eleventh day of November, Anno Domini, 1831. by adjournment.

Present.

Honble Harrison Gray Otis, Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen, Oliver, Armstrong, Russell, McCleary, Bent, Binney and Harris.

Messrs Streeter, Little, Shipley, Emersons, Williams, Wells, Stevenson, Gannett, Hales and Hall.

Clough & Capen

They proceeded in the hearing of the complaints against Messrs Clough and Capen, and after the examination of divers witnesses under oath and no other persons appearing, after repeated calls from the Chairman, the board declared the hearing on the part of the complainants to be now closed. The Defend^ts ~~plaintiffs~~ moved, that they might have further time to produce their witnesses & enter upon their defence, which was granted.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned, to meet at this place on Wednesday next, 3 o'Clock, P. M.

Adjourned to that time & place accordingly.

Attest,

E. F. McCleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on Wednesday, the sixteenth day of November, Anno Domini, 1831. by adjournment.

Present.

The same members as at the last meeting.

Clough & Capen

Messrs Clough and Capen proceeded in their defence, memorials signed by the parents and guardians of ninety seven pupils of the Mayhew School, in their favor being produced & read, and divers witnesses in their behalf were examined under oath, and several pupils of said school were heard. After which Messrs Clough and Capen closed their defense.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned, to meet at this place on Friday next, half past three o'Clock, P. M.

Adjourned to that time & place accordingly.

Attest,

E. F. McCleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston; held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room; City Hall, on friday, the eighteenth day of November, Anno Domini, 1831.

Present.

The same members as at the four last meetings.

Clough & Capen Mayhew Sch.

The board proceeded upon the consideration of the subject of the accusations against Messrs. Clough and Capen the master and sub master of the Mayhew School. The following motion was made by Mr. Williams, viz:

"Resolved, as the sense of this board, that under existing circumstances, the public interests require, the removal of the Master, and of the assistant or sub master of the Mayhew School, from their respective stations, and that they be notified forthwith of the passage of this resolve."

§ 1. The Rev. Mr. Gannett, moved the following amendment, to strike out all the words after "Resolved," and in lieu thereof to insert the following viz: "That after a long and patient examination of the grounds of complaint submitted by the memorialists and others, against Mr. Clough, this committee do not find sufficient reason

§ 2. to dismiss him from office. At the same time they think proper to express to him, through the Chairman, that he has in their opinion, exceeded the bounds of the judicious exercise of authority intended to be conferred by article 6. chapter 1. section 2."

A division of the question being required, also the yeas and nays, and the question was taken upon the adoption of the first paragraph of the proposed amendment, and it was decided in the affirmative: yeas 13. nays 5.

Yeas Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Otis, Armstrong, McCleary, Bent, Binney, Harris, Streeter, Shipley, Emerson, Wells, Stevenson, Gannett and Hales..... 13.

Nays. Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Oliver, Russell, Little, Williams and Hall..... 5.

The question was then taken upon the remainder of the proposed amendment, and it paped in the affirmative, and the resolved was amended accordingly, and paped as amended.

§ 3.

Corporal pun.

Alderman Oliver made the following motion which was read, and ordered to be laid on the table viz:

"Ordered, that the practice of corporal punishment be hereafter dispensed with, & that all regulations of the School committee now in force inconsistent with this order, be and the same hereby are repealed."

Boylston Sch. sweeping & fires.

Communication from the Master of the Boylston School respecting the sweeping and making fires in said School. Read and committed to the Sub Committee of that School, with full power to make such arrangement respecting the same, as they may deem expedient.

Sch. sweeping & making fires.

Ordered, That the sub committees of the several girls Schools be and hereby are authorized to make such arrangements respecting sweeping and making fires, as they may deem expedient. —

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned to meet at this place on Wednesday, next, half past, three o'Clock, P. M.

Adjourned to that time & place, accordingly.

Attest,
E. M. Cleary,
Secretary.

Mayhew Sch. Com.ee

The following resolve passed at the last meeting, but was omitted to be recorded in its proper place thro' mistake.

Resolved, That this committee find no reason for the complaint made by the memorialists against the sub committee of the Mayhew School, but are satisfied that they have faithfully discharged their duty in that capacity.

Attest,
E. M. Cleary
Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on Wednesday, the twenty third day of November, Anno Domini, 1831.

Present

Honble Harrison Gray Otis, Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen Oliver, Armstrong, Kupfell, McCleary, Farnam, Bent, Binney and Harris.

Messrs Streeter, Shipley, Emerson, Williams, Wells, Stevenson, Gannett, and Hales.

Mayhew Sch. Sub master

Moved, that the public interest requires the removal of Aaron D. Capen, sub-master of the Mayhew School from his office, and that Mr Clough the master of said School, be notified of the sense of this committee as herein expressed. The question upon this motion was taken. It was decided in the negative.

Books

The standing committee on books made a report upon the several subjects referred to them, which was read and referred to the committee on the classification of the Schools, to consider and report.

Fox

Memorial of Charles Fox, master of the Boylston School, praying, that the Schools may have a vacation of Friday & Saturday after the annual Thanksgiving. Read & thereupon ordered that such vacation be allowed for the present year.

Sch. regulat^{ns}

Voted, that Messrs Stevenson, Williams & Gannett, be a committee to consider and report, upon the expediency of altering 8 Art. 1 Chap. 2^{d} § of the School regulations in relation to holidays, or vacations in the schools.

Corporal pun.

Voted, that the motion respecting corporal punishment in the Schools be committed to Messrs Oliver, Stevenson & Hales, to consider and report.

Girls sch.

Voted, that the masters of the several Girls schools, including the Boylston and Hawes Schools be authorized to hire a person to make the fires and sweep the rooms in their respective schools, at an expense to be authorized by the Sub committee of the respective schools, provided the same do not exceed seventy five cents per week for any one School.

The last vote was framed in consequence of the Sub committee of the Boylston School, who were authorized to make such arrangements as they may deem expedient — which committee returned it with a request that as it involves a question in which all the schools are equally concerned; & one which affects the validity of the present regulations of the board, it may be made a subject of gen^{l} consid^{n} & decision.

Sch. Com^ee & Prim. Sch. C. Com. of Conf.

The committee of conference on the subject of a want of uniformity between the regulations of this board, & the primary school board respectfully Report, That immediately after their appointment they addressed a note to the Secretary of the ~~primary~~ other board, informing him, of the object of their appointment, & soon afterwards received from him information that a committee of Conference consisting of Mess^r Emerson, Robbins & Rand had been appointed on their part. The two committees met, had a free discussion of the point of difference presented to their notice, & of other subjects of similar character to which they were naturally led. The propriety of enforcing the same regulation at the primary, & at the grammar schools in respect to the removal of children from one to the other was clearly perceived, & the committee on the part of the primary school board, suggested an alteration in the regulations of the School committee, which by making it the duty of the Masters of the grammar schools to examine all children offered to them, those coming from the primary schools as well as others would remove the difficulty that is now felt. To such an alteration it is presumed no objection can arise on our part; and the committee therefore recommend the passage of the vote, vizt That the 5th art. of the 2^d Chap. of the 2^d Section of the regulations of the School committee be amended, by omitting the 2^d sentence which exempts from examination children bringing a certificate from a primary school; & by substituting in the preceding sentence for the words "having been qualified at the primary schools" the words bringing a certificate from a primary school & by omitting in the next sentence the words "of others" & changing the first word "the" to "their"; So that the whole article shall appear as follows –

"Children may be admitted into the English grammar Schools, at the age of seven years, bringing a certificate from a primary school, or having received the necessary preparatory instruction at other schools. Their qualifications shall be ascertained by the master ~~to that~~ (as in the printed regulations) and that this amendment go into effect upon an interchange of notice between the Secretaries of the two boards that this report that has been accepted –

The examination of this point led the committees to observe not only the want of uniformity between the regulations of the two boards, but the ignorance of each ~~their~~ rules & measures to which they are liable, & the inconvenience & disadvantage of which are apparent. At present the only communication which takes place between these two bodies is the annual presentation on the one part of a list of members which is accepted on the other part by almost a silent vote. This is done at the commencement of the year, no further intercourse is held till the return of this occasion. Yet the boards have a common object, the Education of the Children of the City – To render this education the best which the public bounty enables us to give a uniformity of plan should be adopted & maintained – That the child who shall have spent three years in the primary school may on his removal to a higher school

pursue the same course of study to which he has been accustomed, instead of being obliged to unlearn what has been already taught him. At present there is such a want of acquaintance in each board with the doings of the other, that if uniformity prevail, it must be the effect of some other course than a mutual understanding, & a common system. It seems to both committees that a system should be devised by the concurrence of the two boards, which taking the child on his entrance should conduct him along the whole course of his education so far as it is the gift of the City. And further that at least a channel of reciprocal communication should be kept open by which they might be informed of the changes which either might introduce in the schools under its particular charge, & in a word greater efficiency be given to the public instruction of the children of Boston by a harmony of views & a coöperation between the two bodies who are its directors & guardians. They therefore resolved to recommend each to its own board the adoption of the following vote viz:

Voted, that it is expedient that a joint standing committee of three from each of the two boards, of the school committee, & of the committee on primary schools, be annually appointed, to secure the introduction, and continuance of a uniform system of instruction in the public schools, & to confer as occasion may arise on subjects of common interest; & that the first appointment of said committee be made in each board, on the acceptance of this report, & notice thereof be reciprocally communicated. —

The committee of conference appointed by this board do respectfully recommend, that the above vote be now passed; & a committee be accordingly appointed to be joined by the other board.

Ezra S. Gannett, Chairman.

The foregoing report was read and accepted, and the vote passed as above, and the Revd Ezra S. Gannett, Alderman Henry Farnam and the Revd Sebastian Streeter, were appointed a standing committee of conference on the part of this board.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to meet at this place on tuesday next, 4 o'Clock P. M.

Adjourned to that time and place accordingly.

Attest,

S. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on tuesday, the twenty ninth day of November, Anno Domini, 1831.

Present.

Honble Harrison Gray Otis, Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen Oliver, Armstrong, Binney and Harris.

Messrs Streeter, Tillie, Shipley, Emerson, Williams, Wells, Stevenson, Gannett, and Hall.

Books

The standing committee, have attended to the several subjects referred to them and respectfully report. That they have examined the following publications viz: "Fowles Geography and Atlas" the "Boston School Atlas" and "Fields "American School Geography and Atlas" and though they are respectively works of merit; they do not in the opinion of the committee possess so superior a degree of merit, over those now in use in the public Schools, as to render it expedient to adopt either as a substitute.

Read and accepted as amended.

Schools
Clasification

The committee appointed to consider the expediency of adopting a uniform mode of classification in the Schools, of prescribing and assigning the studies to each class, and the term of time to be applied to them, made a report, which was read, and thereupon ordered, that the usual number of copies be printed for the use of the members of this board.

American
Sch. Geog.

The committee to whom the "American School Geography" with the several documents relating to it was referred, reported, that after a particular examination of the work, they arrived at the same conclusion as that expressed in the report of the standing committee on Books; they therefore recommend the confirmation of that report.

Read and accepted.

Holydays & vacations

The committee appointed to consider the expediency of altering the 8th Article 1st Chapter in 2d section of the regulation, in relation to holydays — Ask leave to report:

Some change of holydays is made necessary by the recent alteration in the civil year of the Commonwealth, and a further change seems called for by the well being of the Schools. Your committee are of opinion, that the Instructors need greater relaxation than they now enjoy; and they believe that it may be granted, to have the effect of increasing the efficiency of their tuition, & the disposition of the boys to profit by it.

While, however, in the Grammar Schools, the quantity of holyday recreation must be greatly limited by the circumstances of the parents who send their children to those schools, & who would be annoyed by their long continued absence from School; a greater extent of vacation may be allowed to the Latin

and High Schools consistently with the wishes of the pupils, and with the expressed wish of their parents. Your committee recommend, that the section referred to them be repealed, and that the following be substituted in its place.

8. The following holy days and vacations shall be granted a like to all the public schools; viz: every wednesday and saturday afternoon throughout the year; Christmas-day and Fast-day; Thanksgiving day, and the remainder of the week; the day of the General election in January; one day in each year for the general training, when in Boston; the fourth of July; the week beginning on the first monday in June; the remainder of the week after the visitation of the schools in August, and the two succeeding weeks, and no other days, except by a special vote of this board. Your committee recommend the following addition to article 10, Chapter 3, of 2d Section, "and to the week beginning on the second monday in June." Read and accepted.

Schools return

The committee appointed in May last to make return of the public and private schools of the City, and other particulars set forth in a resolve of the General Court passed originally in March 1826, Reported, that it is inexpedient to make any return the present year but if made at all, it be referred to another year.

Corporal punishment

The committee appointed to consider the expediency of abolishing corporal punishment as a means of discipline in the public schools for boys - reported the following order - viz:

Ordered, That the masters of the boys Schools be directed to use the ferula or rule, as the instrument of punishment instead of the rattan or rod, and that blows shall not be given with the latter, nor upon any part other than the hand."

Which being read a motion was made to strike out all the words after Ordered, and in lieu thereof to insert the following - viz: "That the practice of corporal punishment be hereafter dispensed with; & that all regulations of the School committee now in force inconsistent with this order be, and the same hereby are repealed."

Upon the question of adopting this motion the yeas & nays were required and taken as follows (viz): Yeas Messrs. Alison, Binney, Harris, Streeter, Little and Shipley. 6. Nays. Messrs. Otis, Armstrong, Emerson, Williams, Wells, Stevenson, Gannett and Hall . . 8.

yeas

nays

So said motion did not prevail. The original report was ordered to be laid upon the table.

Adjourned to Wednesday, the seventh day of December next, 4 o'clock, P. M.

Attest, F. M. Cleary, Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on Wednesday, the seventh day of December, Anno Domini, 1831.

Present:-

Honble Harrison Gray Otis, Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen Oliver, Armstrong, Rupell, McCleary, Farnam, Bent, Binney and Harris.

Messrs Streeter, Little, Williams, Wells, Stevenson, Gannett, Shaw and Hall.

Schools Clasification

The committee took into consideration the report of the committee appointed to consider the expediency of adopting a uniform mode of clasification of the Schools, of prescribing and assigning the studies to each class, and the term of time to be applied to them.

After discussion, it was voted, That it is expedient to adopt a uniform mode of clasification of the schools, and of prescribing & assigning the studies to each class, and the term of time to be applied to them. And that the report be recommitted, and that Chief Justice Shaw and Alderman Binney be added to said committee.

Vose

The committee on the petition of Samuel D. Vose, & others, praying, that the boys may be permitted to attend the Franklin School, reported, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

Read and accepted.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to meet at this place on Wednesday, next, 4 o'Clock P. M.

Adjourned to that time and place accordingly.

Attest,

D. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, at City Hall, on Wednesday, the fourteenth day of December, Anno Domini, 1831.

Present.

Mon^ble Harrison Gray Otis, Esq. Mayor, Chairman

Aldermen Oliver, Russell, Tannam, Binney and Harris.

Messrs. Mercer, Little, Shipley, Emerson, Williams, Wells, Stevenson, Gannett, Hales and Shaw.

Griggs. Petition of Nathaniel Griggs, praying, that his son Francis C. Griggs, aged fourteen, may be admitted to the English High School notwithstanding the rule. Read and the prayer thereof not granted.

School Classification. The committee to whom was referred the report of the committee appointed to consider the expediency of adopting an uniform mode of classification of the Schools, of prescribing and assigning the studies to each class, and the term of time to be applied to them — Reported, Sundry amendments, which were further amended and adopted — and the further consideration of the subject was referred to the next School committee.

The meeting was then adjourned without day.

Attest.

S. F. McCleary.

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on tuesday, the twenty third day of January, Anno Domini, 1832.

The following gentlemen compose the School committee the present year viz.t

Charles Wells, Mayor.

Aldermen

Henry J. Oliver
Benjamin Rufsell
John B. McCleary.
Henry Farnam
John Binney
Richard D. Harris
Jabez Ellis
James Bowdoin.

From the Wards.

Ward No. 1. William Croswell
" " 2. William Little
" " 3. Charles Arnold
" " 4. Joseph W. McKean
" " 5. Henry Williams
" " 6. Samuel A. Wells
Ward No. 7. Charles P. Curtis
" " 8. Benjamin A. Gould
" " 9. Benjamin C. Clark.
" " 10. Willard Phillips.
" " 11. John Knapp
" " 12. Mellish I. Motte.

All the above appeared and took their seats, except Aldermen McCleary, Farnam and Harris. Messrs. Little, & Williams.

Chairman chosen

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor, voted to proceed to the choice of a Chairman by ballot, and the votes being taken it appeared that the Hon. Charles Wells was unanimously chosen.

Secretary chosen

Alderman Oliver was appointed to receive, sort & count the votes for a Secretary, who reported that Samuel F. McCleary was unanimously chosen.

Sub comtees appd.

The following sub committees of the several schools, were nominated from the chair, and appointed agreeably to the vote of the board viz.t

Sub or visiting committees

Latin. Messrs. Bowdoin, Gould, Knapp, Curtis, Croswell

Latin. Messrs. Clark, Little, Oliver, Williams & McKean.

English High. Messrs. Wells, Rufsell, McCleary.

English High. Messrs. Farnam, Binney, Harris.

English High. Mess.rs Phillips
Arnold

English High. Mess.rs Ellis &
Motte.

Eliot. Mess.rs Oliver
Lillo
Croswell.

Hancock. Mess.rs Wells (the Mayor)
McCleary
Arnold

Mayhew. Mess.rs Binney
McKean
Croswell.

Bowdoin. Mess.rs Curtis
Williams
Bowdoin.

Boylston. Mess.rs Gould
Farnam
Clark

Adams. Mess.rs Russell
Wells
Phillips.

Franklin. Mess.rs Motte
Harris
Knapp

Hawes. Mess.rs Knapp
Harris
Ellis

African

Mess.rs Oliver. Williams & Clark.

Primary Sch. Com.ee The following gentlemen were nominated & appointed to have the care and superintendence of the primary schools, and said committee were authorized to fill all vacancies which may exist, giving notice of the person thus chosen.

Moses Grant
Frederick T. Gray.
Francis Parkman
Lewis G. Pray
George B. Emerson
John P. Bigelow
Chandler Robbins jun.r
Daniel Henchman
George W. Blagden
Samuel N. Tenney
Aaron Russell
John W. James
Joseph M. Ingraham
Jacob H. Kent
Christopher Gore
Wm. Palfrey
Charles Choate
Joseph Clark

Beza Lincoln
G Horton
Seth H. Barnes
Benj.a H. Greene
Francis Brown
Cha.s Walker
Winslow W. Wright jr.
Thomas Gray jr.
Samuel Howe
George A. Eliot
Geo. A. Sampson
Ezra Palmer, jr.
Elijah Cobb
Elisha P. Hartshorn
Cha.s K. Lowell
Geo. W. Otis, jr.
Enoch Hobart
Edmund Wright jr.

Henry Dyer
Wm. Freeman
Martin Gay
Louis Dwight
Cha.s Stoddard
Josiah T. Bumstead
Wm. Grigg
Isaac Mansfield
Edw.d G. Prescott
Edw.d G. Davis
Natt.l A. Barrett
John Gulliver
Asa Rand
D. Humphreys Storer
John D. Fisher
Daniel T. Coit
Geo. H. Snelling
Geo. S. Bulfinch

Samuel H. Walley jr.	Wm S. Wait	John B. Stebbins
Henry Hatch	Francis Jackson	Jeremy Drake
George Savage	Wm Taylor jr	Joy H. Fairchild
Flavel Moseley	John Thompson	John Stimpson
Thomas Hunting.	Ellis G. Loring	

The following communication was received from the Secretary of the primary school committee, viz:

"Boston, January 8. 1832.

Prim. Sch. Comce. of Conf. At a late meeting of the primary school board, the vote passed in your committee respecting the admission of children, in the grammar schools, was not accepted by the board.

The second proposition respecting a joint standing committee of three from each of the two boards was accepted, and Messrs L. G. Pray, Geo. B. Emerson and Samuel Howe were appointed on said Committee."

Comce. of Conf. Benjamin A. Gould, Henry Farnam and John Knapp, Esquires, were appointed a standing committee to confer with the primary school committee; and it was ordered that the foregoing votes of that committee, together the report of the committee of Conference which was accepted on the 23d. day of November last, making an alteration in the rule respecting the admission of children to the grammar schools, bringing certificates from the primary school committee, be referred to said standing committee of conference, to consider & report.

Truants The report of a committee of the last year on the subject of Truant absences from the schools, and upon the best means of treating such offenders, and referred over to the present year, was taken from the files and committed to Messrs Oliver, Curtis, Bowdoin, Motte & McKean, to consider and report.

Parker Franklin Sch. Petition of R. G. Parker, Master of the Franklin School praying that an alteration be made in the school hours, during the months of December, January, February & March, during those months school to commence at nine o'Clock & be dismissed at two. Read & committed to the sub committee of that school, to consider and report.

Regulations Motion that a committee be appointed to review & report on the regulations of this committee, was postponed to the next meeting.

Secretary's duty. Voted, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the School committee, annually, to furnish a schedule of all subjects which shall be referred from one board to the other.

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Roulstone ag^t Mayhew sch^l Teachers

Petition of M. Roulstone, and others, stating their belief "that the course heretofore pursued by the present instructer and his assistant of the Mayhew school are neither humane nor judicious, nor such as to entitle them to the respect of a large number of the Inhabitants, and exercising the right to remonstrate," they "do protest against their being continued longer in office", and pray they may be removed from office."

Read and ordered to be laid on the table.

Adjourned to meet at this place on the day of the regular quarterly meeting, vizt the second Tuesday of February, next, 4 o'Clock, P. M.

Attest,
E. McCleary.
Secretary.

Extract from Doctor Benjamin Franklin's will.

Franklin's Will

"I was born in Boston, in New England, and owe my first instructions in Literature to the free grammar schools established there, I therefore give one hundred pounds sterling to my executors to be by them, the survivors or survivor of them paid over to the managers or directors of the free schools in my native town of Boston, to be by them or those person or persons, who shall have the superintendence and management of the said schools, put out at interest forever; which interest annually shall be laid out in silver medals and given as honorary rewards annually by the directors of the said free schools for the encouragement of scholarship in the said schools belonging to the said town in such manner as to the discretion of the Selectmen of the said town shall seem meet."

At a quarterly of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on tuesday, the fourteenth day of February, Anno Domini, 1832.

Present

Hon. Charles Wells, Mayor, Chairman.
Aldermen - Oliver, Rupell, McCleary, Binney, and Ellis.
Messrs. Croswell, Little, Arnold, McKean, Williams, Wells, Curtis, Gould, Clark, Phillips, Knapp and Motte.

Sec'y. pro tem. The Secretary being absent by reason of indisposition, William Hayden, Junior, was chosen Secretary pro tem.

Quarterly Rts. Quarterly reports were made by the Sub committees of all the Schools, except the Latin School, which were read by the several Chairmen.

Latin Sch. Voted, that the sub committee of the Latin School, be enjoined to proceed without delay in the performance of the duty of examining said School, and making a return thereof, to this board, - and that this committee be adjourned to some future day, to receive their report.

Eng. High Sch. Ordered, that The ~~quarterly report~~ Sub committee of the English High School, made a report, as on file - said committee among other things reported as follows -- Your committee conceiving that beneficial alterations may be made in the arrangement of the prescribed studies, had a special meeting to consider the subject; at which meeting the principal of the School, and the sub master were present, by invitation - With their concurrence your committee recommend the following alterations of the studies & their arrangement: That Composition & Algebra be prescribed to the third class: That the pupils of this class be exercised in translating poetry into prose: That book keeping be transfered from the third to the second class: That the study of Sacred Geography and Chronology be abolished.

That the sixth article relating to this School be amended so as to read as follows - Each class or section shall occasionally be reviewed in its appropriate studies; and general reviews shall, once a quarter, be instituted in all the previous studies.

That the 12th article of the 2d chapter 2d section be amended by inserting in the second line after the word sub master of the Grammar Schools, and the Principal Sub master and apistants of the English High School -

We also further recommend - that the School be furnished with an Astronomical Clock, an instrument which the studies pursued render necessary.

Read and accepted, and that an astronomical clock be purchased under the direction of the Sub committee of said school. -

French Language Ordered, that French Language be taught to the pupils of the English High School, referred to the Sub com^e of that School to carry it into effect.

Eng. High Sch. Sch. hours.

Ordered, That the sub committee on the English High School be authorized to alter the afternoon school hours between the present time, and the first monday of April next, if they shall deem it expedient.

Eng. High Sch. Eng. Classical Sch.

Ordered, That the sub committee of the English High School, be instructed to consider & report upon the expediency of restoring to that School, its original name, that of English Classical School.

Franklin Sch.

The committee on Franklin School, to whom was referred the memorial of the Master of said School, on a suggested change of hours in that school — Reported, That the school should be kept from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. except on Wednesdays & Saturdays, and on those days till one P.M. The proposed alteration to be adopted for the remainder of the present month, & the next, and if the change should be generally satisfactory, to continue it in future during the months of December, January, February & March.

Read and accepted.

Masters of Eng. Gram. Sch. for increase of salaries.

Petition of the Masters of the English grammar Schools for increase of salaries. Read and with the documents therein referred to, committed to Messrs Williams, Oliver, Gould, Russell, & Curtis, to consider and report.

Rowlstone Mayhew Sch.

Petition or memorial of M. Rowlstone, & others, protesting against the Master and sub master of the Mayhew School, and praying, that they be removed from office. Read & committed to Messrs. Williams, Wells, Binney, Mr. Kean & Phillips, to consider & report.

Primary Sch.

The standing committee of Conference of Primary Schools, reported "that it is inexpedient for this board to take any order upon this subject" —

Read & accepted.

Washington

Invitation to this committee, from a committee of the Legislature charged with the duty of superintending the Centennial celebration ~~of the anniversary~~ of the birth of George Washington, inviting them to join in the procession, & attend the exercises of the day. Read & filed.

Ordered, That the several schools be closed on the 22d. instant.

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned to meet at this place on the 28th. instant, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Adjourned to that time & place accordingly.

Attest, — Wm. Hayden Jr — Secretary pro tem.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on tuesday, the twenty eighth day of February, Anno Domini, 1832.

Present.

Hon. Charles Wells, Mayor, Chairman.
Aldermen Oliver, McCleary, Binney and Ellis.
Messrs. Croswell, Little, Arnold, McKean, Williams, Wells, Gould, Clark, Knapp and Motte.

Semi annual returns

Semi annual returns were received from the masters of the following Schools, viz: Eliot, Hancock, Mayhew, Bowdoin, Adams, Boylston, Franklin and African.

Tileston

Ordered, That Alderman Tileston, be placed on the several sub committees of the English High, Franklin and Hawes Schools, in place of Mr. Harris.

Latin Sch.

Mr. Gould from the sub committee of the Latin School made a quarterly report of the state of that school, which was read by him.

Koulstone
Mayhew Sch.

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of Michael Koulstone & others, praying, that the Master & Assistants of the Mayhew School, may be dismissed from their station, Report, That they have attended to that duty, that they have afforded Mr. Koulstone & as many of the memorialists as chose to appear, an opportunity to prefer & set forth their complaints, & that the result of their investigations on the subject is, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the memorialists, & that they have leave to withdraw their memorial.

In behalf of the committee
J. Williams, Chairman

Boston 28. Feb. 1832.

The foregoing report was read, & unanimously accepted.

Schools on new organization

Ordered, That Messrs. Wells, Gould, Little, Croswell, and Motte be a committee, to consider and report, what alteration, if any, it is expedient to make in the organization of the Schools of the City.

School committee powers

Ordered, That Messrs. Williams, Bowdoin, Huntis, be a committee to consider and report, what are the powers of the School committee.

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned to meet, at this place on tuesday, the 13th day of March next, at 4 o'Clock, P. M.

Adjourned to that time & place accordingly.
Attest, E. McCleary, Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on tuesday, the thirteenth day of March, Anno Domini, 1832.

Present.

Hon. Charles Wells, Mayor, Chairman.
Aldermen Oliver, McCleary, Farnam and Binney.
Messrs. Croswell, McKean, Williams, Wells, Curtis, Gould, Phillips, and Knapp.

Engl. High Sch. English Classical School.

The sub committee of the English High School on the several subjects referred to it, respectfully report.

That it is expedient to abrogate the 9th article of the 2d section 3d Chapter (page 19) of the rules and regulations, and to substitute the following:

Time of keeping

The forenoon school, from the first monday in April, to the first monday in October, annually, shall begin at 8 o'clock, and end at 12. From the first monday in October to the first monday in April, it shall begin at 9 and end at 12.

The afternoon school, from the first monday in March, to the first monday in October shall begin at 3 and end at 6 o'clock; and from the first monday in October to the first monday in March, it shall begin at half past 2 and end at half past 4.

No class shall be dismissed before the regular hours of closing the School; and tardiness beyond 5 minutes shall be considered a violation of school hours and exclude the delinquent.

Your committee among other things being instructed to consider and report upon the expediency of restoring to said school its original name "English Classical School" have attended to this branch of the duty assigned them, and further report:

That this school was instituted under that name, by the Inhabitants of Boston, for that special purpose assembled in town meeting in Faneuil Hall, on the 15th day of January 1828; its name therefore being given by the people in their corporate capacity, it cannot be altered by the agents of the people; except duly authorized by them for that purpose. No such authority that your committee can find, having been granted, the only proper and legal title by which it can be known is that given it, by the town of "English Classical School." Your committee therefore recommend, that this name be used and applied to it; & that for the future, it be known by this, and no other appellation.

Your committee are confirmed in this conclusion not only because its true legitimate name is more significant and appropriate than that now used; but because, on searching the records of the board, they can find no vote authorizing the application of the present name as a substitute for that given to it by the town; consequently it is now misnamed, and the misnomer is used without authority from any source.

Astro. Clock

whatever. Your committee find, on enquiry that an Astronomical clock will cost from £47. 3/. 8d. 6 to £84 or from $233 to $420. And as it is proper, in the opinion of the committee, that an instrument of this kind when procured by the City for public use, and as it is an expense to be but once incurred, that it should be one of the first order, they therefore recommend that the sum of $400 be obtained, and applied to this object.

French Lang.

Your committee on the subject of introducing the study of the French language into this Seminary, have considered of this branch of duty assigned them have made progress therein, but having come to no definite result, ask leave to sit again.

Respectfully submitted, For the committee.

S. A. Wells, Chairman

The foregoing report was considered by Sections, and after discussion the several sections were accepted by a separate vote on each, the question upon the whole report was taken, and the same was accepted.

Masters of Grammar Sch. Salaries

The committee to whom was referred the petition of the masters of the grammar schools for an increase of their salaries, reported, that they were unable to agree, wherefore they pray to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. Read and thereupon ordered, that the subject be recommitted to the same committee.

Subj. for com.

Voted, that the subjects of the salaries of the masters, & the Classification of the Schools, be the first subjects of consideration, at the next meeting, and that the Secretary insert the same in the notice for meeting of the School committee.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to meet at this place on tuesday, the 27th day of March, instant, at 4. o'Clock P. M.

Adjourned to that time & place accordingly.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room City Hall, on tuesday, the twenty seventh day of March, Anno Domini, 1832.

Present.

Hon.ble Charles Wells, Mayor, President.

Aldermen Oliver, Rufsell, McCleary, Farnam, Binney, Ellis, and Tileston.

Messrs. Little, Arnold, McKean, Williams, Wells, Curtis, Gould, Clark, Phillips, Knapp and Motte.

Salaries of Masters of Grammar Sch.

The committee to whom was referred the application of the masters of the Grammar Schools, for an increase of salaries, and to whom their former report was recommitted, — Report, that they have attended to their duties, as directed, & that after mature deliberation, a majority of the committee are of opinion, that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, they therefore recommend, that the following order be adopted by the board viz.

Ordered, that the salaries of the masters of the Grammar schools be raised to the annual sum of fifteen hundred dollars each, payable quarterly, and to commence from and after the current quarter.

Which report being read, a motion was made & adopted to amend the same by adding thereto, — "and that the salaries of the masters of the Latin School, and English Classical school be restored to the former rate of two thousand dollars each, payable quarterly, to commence from and after the first day of May, next." A division of the question being required, and the yeas and nays being required and taken, upon the first part of said report to raise the salaries of the masters of the grammar schools, as follows viz.

Yeas — Yeas — Messrs. Little, McKean, Williams, Wells, Curtis, Gould, Clark, Knapp and Motte. . . . . 9.

Nays. Nays — Messrs. Oliver, Rufsell, McCleary, Farnam, Binney, Ellis, Tileston, Arnold, and Phillips. . . . . 9.

The Chairman gave his vote in the negative,.

So the same did not pass.

Latin & Eng. Clas. Sch.

The question was then taken upon taken upon the a motion to commit that part of the report which relates to the salaries of the masters of the Latin and English Classical Schools, and it was decided in the negative. The question was then taken upon the acceptance of the said report and decided in the negative.

Latin Sch.

Ordered, that Messrs. Gould, Oliver & Knapp, be a committee to examine & report what repairs & alterations are requisite to be made in the Latin Sch. house.

Savage Medal

On application from Nathaniel G. Snelling, Esq. in behalf of William Savage, representing, that the Franklin medal, given to said Savage in the year 1793, being the first issued in Boston, by the School committee in virtue of the donation of Dr. Benjamin Franklin, was stolen from said Savage, and praying that he may be allowed to have a copy issued. Thereupon ordered, that the same be referred to the Mayor with full power to grant permission to said Snelling to obtain a new impression of said medal for the benefit of said Savage, and at his expense.

School returns

Ordered, that the Mayor and Alderman Oliver be a committee to prepare an abstract of the returns of the Schools in this City, for the year ending in May next, to be transmitted to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, agreeably to an order of the House of Representatives passed at its last session.

Adjourned to meet at this place on the regular quarterly meeting, viz: on the second tuesday of May next, at 4 o'Clock, P. M.

Attest,

S. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on tuesday, the eighth day of May, A.D. 1832.

Present—

Honble Charles Wells, Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen — Oliver, Russell, McCleary, Binney, and Ellis.

Messieurs — Croswell, Little, Arnold, McKean, Williams, Wells, Curtis, Gould, Phillips, Knapp and Motte.

Quart^y Rep. Quarterly reports were made by the sub committees of all the Schools, and read and accepted.

Latin Sch. The committee on the Latin School among other things reported, that a sum of money exceeding one thousand dollars was several years since given to the City, on condition, that the interest should annually "be expended in prizes for the best performance, in prose & poetry, in the Latin & Greek languages, & in such other rewards for excellence as may be thought best calculated to stimulate the pupils to exertion, and to keep alive a spirit of emulation & literary ardor through the various departments of the Public Latin School, in the town of Boston."

The sub committee to prevent mistake in future, as to any discretionary power in the appropriation of the interest of this fund, recommend that the following resolve be passed, and a copy of it be sent to the Principal of the Latin School.

Prize fund Resolved, that the interest of the Prize fund of the Latin School be scrupulously appropriated, in the manner, & to the objects expressed in the conditions of the donation, & that in future the subjects to be written upon be made known to the School as early as January, in each year, and that the Master of that School be requested to see this resolution carried into effect.

Read, accepted, & the resolve passed.

Latin Sch. repairs. The committee appointed to examine & report what repairs & alterations may be necessary at the Latin School, reported that the found the School house considerably out of repair, and that sundry repairs be made, as mentioned in said report on file—

They also recommend, the passing the following resolutions viz:

Resolved, that the repairs & alterations recommended in the above report, as expedient at the Latin School, be carried into effect, & that measures be taken to have things in readiness for completing the same, within the next vacation of the School.

Sunday Sch.

Resolved, That from and after the vacation at the Latin School in June next, the Sunday School which meets there, shall be confined to the rooms on the lowest floor; unless it shall be made to appear to this board, that the said rooms are inadequate to the accommodation of said Sunday School.

Read, accepted; and the resolves passed; and thereupon ordered, that the Mayor & Aldermen be requested, to cause repairs to be made with the advice of the sub committee of the Latin School.

Eng. Clas. Sch. French teacher

The sub committee of the English Classical Schools among other things reported, that in obedience to the duties assigned them & agreeably to the powers to which they were invested, they have selected and appointed Francis Mary Joseph Surault, the French Instructer of the School. The salary agreed on, by your committee, is six hundred dollars per annum for services in that branch of education, equivalent to two school days a week. The principal of the School is authorized to apportion the time as he may judge best for the public interest.

Read and accepted.

Hawes Sch.

The sub committee of the Hawes School among other things reported, that the out houses & unoccupied parts of the School house are liable to injury for want of an inclosing fence; & that the yard would be more suitable for the resort of the pupils when allowed a recess, during School hours, if inclosed, they recommend that a board fence be erected in front on a line with the bounds of the street, or nearly so, until it comes opposite to the corner of the engine house, & then extended to that corner.

Read and accepted.

African Sch.

The sub committee of the African School, among other things reported, that the number belonging to the School is 73, 37 boys & 36 girls. The average attendance is not far from 40. It may be stated that in connection with the small numbers, in attendance upon this School, that at the primary School in the neighbourhood are 18 children who are more than 8 years of age; - And that there are two other primary Schools for colored children in the City, in each of which, it is believed there are also many who are over 8 years of age. The Teacher asks for an appropriation for books of twenty five dollars, & the committee recommend that it be granted. Read and thereupon

Ordered, That the sub committee of the African School be instructed to investigate & report, the causes of tardiness, & non attendance of pupils at that School, and what measures ought to be adopted to remedy the evil, and improve the character of the School - And that Alderman Binney & Mr Curtis be added to the committee for the purpose aforesaid.

Organization of Schools.

The committee appointed "to consider & report what alterations, if any, it is expedient to make in the organization of the Schools of the City," have attended to the duty assigned them, and respectfully report, That after deliberating upon the subject they deemed it expedient & proper before any measures be taken in relation to it, that more particular information should be obtained, than appears to be now possessed, by the board of the advantages or disadvantages of the present mode of instructing compared with that previously in use. — They therefore recommend, the adoption of the following order —

Ordered, that the sub committees of the several Grammar Schools, be and hereby are directed to inquire particularly into the practical operation & effect of employing lads as assistant teachers in the public schools, also, that they consider the expediency of making the writing & grammar departments, distinct & independent schools, & of having all appointments of instructers made by the board, and that they report respectively the result of their inquiries & deliberations at the next quarterly meeting. For the committee

S. A. Wells, Chairman.

Read and accepted, & ordered accordingly.

Books Com.ee on

Ordered, that Mess.rs Wells, Gould, Curtis, Croswell and Motte be a standing committee on books.

Books com.e

Communication from Barnum & Field, author of the American School Geography & Atlas, offering the same for the consideration of the Committee, in order that they may be introduced & used in the public Schools. Read and committed to the standing committee on books. Also the Boston School Atlas, and Emerson's second part of the North American Arithetic

Sch. com.ee regu. amended

Ordered, that the regulations of the School committee be amended as follows viz.t § 1. art. 5. strike out "and their comparative merit."

Boys Sch.

Ordered, that Mess.rs Gould, Wells & Knapp be a committee to examine the English grammar schools for boys, and critically examine the pupils in all the branches taught therein, in order to ascertain the condition of the schools, and to report previously to the annual election of the instructers, that the appointments of the board on that occasion may be judiciously made

Girls Sch.

Ordered that Mess.rs Croswell, McKean & Motte be a committee to examine the English grammar schools

for girls; in the same manner as is provided above for the boys schools and report as aforesaid.

Truant absences

The committee to whom was referred the report of a former committee of the last year on the subject of truant absences, reported, in favor of the acceptance of said report, without amendment.
Read and laid upon the Table.

Adjourned.
Attest.
E. M. McCleary,
Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Friday, the eighth day of June, Anno Domini, 1832.

Present—

Mon.ble Charles Wells, Mayor, Chairman.
Aldermen Oliver, Rupell, Farnam, Binney and Ellis.—
Mess.rs Croswell, Arnold, McKean, Williams, Wells, Gould, Clarke, Phillips and [illegible]. Knapp.

School houses new

The Chairman communicated two orders of the City Council, appointing two joint committees, to locate and cause to be built two new School houses, one after consulting with the School committee, one at the westerly part of the City, and the other in the vicinity of Essex street— After discussion the same were referred to Mess.rs Williams, Wells and Gould, to consider and report, what measures this board ought to adopt in relation to the subjects aforesaid.

Adjourned to tuesday next, 4 o'Clock P. M.
Attest,
E. M. McCleary,
Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, at City Hall, on the tuesday, the twelfth day of June, Anno Domini, 1832.

Present

Honble Charles Wells, Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen Oliver, McCleary, and Binney.

Messrs Caswell, Little, Arnold, McKean, Williams, Wells, Gould, Clark, Phillips, Knapp and Motte.

Joh. Homes now

The committee chosen "to consider & report upon the subjects referred to them, in relation to the appointment of committees to locate & build two school houses, one at the westerly, & the other at the southerly parts of the City; in conjunction with a joint committee appointed by the City Council — Report, That they have carefully examined all the statutes of the Commonwealth, on the subjects of Schools, that have been enacted since the adoption of the Constitution & that they find in none of them any authority whatever for a school committee of any town or district, or of the City, to locate or erect a School house, except it be found in the acts of 4th of March 1826, & 10th March, 182[illegible], both of which provide for the appointment of School committees, & require of them, the performance of certain defined duties, & declare that they "shall have the general charge & superintendence of all the Public Schools in each town." The former of which these acts was repealed at the date of the enactment of the last. In both, the language quoted is applied particularly to towns & seems to have been intended solely for them; And no particular provision is made for the City. Provision is made for the building of houses by the authorities of the respective towns & districts without any reference to School committees. Your committee are fully of opinion that the provision in the statute "that the School committees shall have the general charge & superintendence of all the public schools in each town," even if it clearly embraced the City, does not confer the power, or impose the duty of either locating or constructing School houses.

Your committee have examined with some care, both the records of the town & City, & though they find, that the School committee have generally participated with other branches of the town & City government in the location, & sometimes in the erection of the School houses, yet it is most clear, that in all such cases, they derived no power from Legislative enactments, or from the nature of their office, thus to have participated; but on the contrary it has been the result of an act of courtesy, & propriety on the part of the other branches of the town & City governments.

Your committee have also examined our City Charter, & find nothing therein which has any bearing upon the subject except what is contained in the 19th Section thereof, viz: That "the said Citizens shall at the same time, & in

in like manner elect one person in each ward to be a member of the School committee for the said City, & the persons so chosen shall jointly with the Mayor & Aldermen constitute the School committee for the said City, and have the care and superintendence of the public Schools."

Your committee are decidedly of opinion that the words "care and superintendence" on a fair construction, do not include the power in question that of locating and constructing School houses. They are fortified in this opinion by the language of all the Legislative enactments on the subject of Schools, when the phrase "care & superintendence" or a similar one, as applied to school committees, has been used, by the entire history of the acts of the School committees in Boston, & in the Country, both before & since the formation & adoption of the City Charter.

With these views & opinions your committee recommend to the board the propriety of accepting the invitation of the City Council, to aid and concur with them in the objects set forth, and they advise that a committee be chosen for the purpose.

All which is respt. submitted.

Henry Williams, for the Committee.

Read and accepted, after being amended.

West. Sch. Order of the Common Council directing the petition of Thomas Dennie, & others, for the erection of a new School house, in the westerly part of the City, with the order of the City Council, appropriating $25,000, for that purpose, to be referred to Messrs. Eveleth, Hutchinson, Haskell, Leighton & Porter, with such as the board of Aldermen might join, whose duty it shall be to confer with the School committee on the subject with authority jointly with them to locate & cause the same to be erected. The board of Aldermen joined the Mayor, Alderman Bonney & Bowdoin. This board appointed Messrs. Williams, Wells & Curtis.

South Sch. Order of the Com. Council directing the petn. of Moses Wheeler & others, for a new School house in the vicinity of Eliot street, with the order of the City C. appropriating $22,000 for that purpose, to be referred to Messrs. Hay, Richard, Pierce, Collamore & Brinley, with such as the B. of A. might join, a com. whose duty it shall be to confer with the School Com. on the subject, with authority jointly with them to locate & cause the same to be erected. The b. of A. joined Ald. Rupell, Parnam & Ellis. This board appointed Messrs. Blake, Phillips & Knapp.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

E. M. McCleary,

Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of August, Anno Domini, 1832.

Present—

Honble Charles Wells, Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen— Oliver, Russell, McCleary, Binney, Ellis & Bowdoin.

Messieurs— Croswell, Arnold, McKean, Williams, Wells, Curtis, Gould, and Knapp.

Semi-annual returns.

Semi-annual returns were received from the masters of the following Schools, viz: Eliot, Hancock, Mayhew, Bowdoin, and African.

Sec. to notify those who have neglected to make returns.

Ordered, that the Secretary notify those masters who have neglected, to make their semi annual returns that they furnish them without delay.

Quarterly Reports.

Quarterly reports were made by the sub-committees of all the Schools, which were read, and all accepted, except those of the Eliot & Mayhew Schools, which were laid upon the table.—

Grammar Sch. Girls.

The sub committee appointed to visit the English Grammar Schools for Girls, and critically examine the pupils in all the branches taught therein, made a report which was read and accepted.

Boys Schs.

The sub committee appointed to visit the English Grammar Schools for boys, and critically examine the pupils in all the branches taught therein, made a report, which was read and accepted.—

Latin & Eng. Cl. Schs. Salaries.

Voted, that the salaries of the masters of the Latin and English Clasical Schools, be at the rate of two thousand dollars, per annum, each, payable quarterly.

Masters of Latin & Eng. Cla. Schs.

The board proceeded by ballot to the election of Masters of the Latin and English Clasical Schools, and the votes being taken, it appeared that Charles K. Dillaway was chosen master of the Latin School, and Solomon P. Miles — master of the English Clasical School.

Grammar Schs. chois of masters post.

The subject of the election of the Masters of the Grammar Schools and their salaries was postponed to the next meeting. And that the sub committees who have not reported be required to report at that time on the subject of the new organization of the grammar schools.

Hawes Sch. Master resign.

A Letter was received and read from Wm. P. Page resigning the office of master of the Hawes School. Thereupon —

Resolved, that the resignation of Mr. Page be accepted; but that he be requested to continue in the School, till the committee shall appoint a successor, and that his salary be continued till the end of the present quarter.

Notice to be published

Voted, that public notice be given of the vacancy of master of the Hawes School, and that applications for the office will be received until tuesday, the 21st. day of August, instant at 12 o'Clock M.

Exh. of boys Sch.

Voted, that the exhibition of boys at the Hawes School be postponed until the exhibition of the females in November next.

Female Teachers.

Ordered, that Messrs. Williams, Croswell & Curtis be a committee to consider and report, at an adjourned meeting & what alteration shall be made in the compensation of the female teachers and assistant teachers in the grammar Schools.

Writing

Ordered, that all teachers of writing in the public schools be required to furnish their pupils with copy slips, written or from good engravings, or to write the copies themselves in their writing books.

Parker Progressive Eng. compn.

Communication of Richard G. Parker, praying liberty to use in the Franklin School, a book which he has compiled entitled "Progressive exercises in English composition". Read and with a copy of the work referred to the committee on books, to consider & report.

Exhn. of Sch.

Ordered, that the several committees to attend the exhibitions of the Schools, on the next anniversary, be nominated and appointed by the Chairman, and that the Secretary give each individual notice of his appointment.

Medals.

Voted, that the several sub committees, return the names of the Candidates for medals, whom they shall select, to the Secretary, on or before Saturday next, and that the committee on the Boylston School, be instructed to assign not more than three medals to the boys of that School.

Rules & Regulations.

Ordered, that Messrs. Wells, Curtis & Bowdoin be a committee to prepare rules & regulations for the government of this board.

Adjourned to tuesday, next, 4 o'Clock, P. M.

Attest,

J. M. Cleary, City Clerk.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, on tuesday, the twenty first day of August, Anno Domini, 1832. Present —

Hon. Charles Wells, Mayor, Chairman

Aldermen — Oliver, Russell, McCleary, Farnam, Binney, Ellis & Tileston.

Mesrs. — Croswell, Little, Arnold, McKean, Williams, Wells, Curtis, Gould, Phillips, and Knapp.

Semi annual returns. Semi annual returns were received from the masters of the following Schools viz: Boylston & Adams.

Exhibition of Schools. The following committees were nominated & appointed to attend the exhibitions of the boys Schools. viz:

Latin — Messrs. Bowdoin, Russell, McCleary, Motte, Phillips, Williams, Arnold, Ellis, Tileston and Farnam.

English Classical — Messrs. Wells, Gould, Oliver, Binney, Little, Curtis, Clark, McKean, Croswell and Knapp.

Eliot. The Mayor, Messrs. Croswell, Oliver, McCleary, Arnold, and Phillips.

Mayhew.	Messrs.	Binney, McKean, Wells & Bowdoin.
Adams	"	Gould, Williams, Knapp & Farnam.
Boylston	"	Russell, Motte, Ellis, & Tileston.
African	"	Oliver, Curtis, Clark, Little & McKean.

Teachers Voted, That the practical effect of employing lads as Assistant teachers in the public Schools is bad; & that such employment ought to be discontinued, & they be dismissed from the same.

Writing mrs That the writing masters in the public Schools ought to be distinct from the Grammar masters.

That the appointment of all the masters of the grammar & writing schools ought to be made by the School Comtee

Adams Sch. The sub committee of the Adams School made a report on the inquiries referred to them by the order of the School committee passed on the eighth day of May, last — which was read and accepted.

Rules — on altering Ordered, That Messrs. Binney, Williams & Wells be a committee to consider and report upon the expediency of altering the 10th article of the first Chap. of the regulations, as to provide, that the exhibition of the English grammar schools for boys be on the first wednesday of October, instead ~~instead~~ of the time as now provided in said regulations.

Female instr.

Ordered, That the committee appointed on the compensation of the female instructors be instructed to consider & report what compensation shall be allowed to the masters of all the gramm. mar and writing Schools.

Clergyman

Voted, That the Chairman of each sub-committee invite such Clergyman to attend the examination of the Schools to commence — as they may deem expedient.

Masters of Gram. Sch.

The board proceeded by ballot to the appointment of masters of the grammar Schools and the votes being taken, it appeared that the following were chosen viz:

Eliot School	Cornelius Walker.	Hancock Sch.	Barnum Field.
Mayhew "	William Clough.	Bowdoin "	Abraham Andrews.
Boylston "	Charles Fox	Adams "	Samuel Barnett.
Franklin "	Richard G. Parker	African "	William Bascom.

The appointment of master of the Hawes School was postponed to the next meeting.

Adjourned to Tuesday next, 4 o'Clock P. M.

Attest,

E. M. McCleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, on Tuesday, the twenty eighth day of August, Anno Domini, 1832. Present

Hon. Charles Wells, Mayor; Chairman.
Aldermen Kupfel, McCleary, Farnam, Ellis, Bowdoin & Tileston.
Messieurs — Little, Arnold, McKean — Williams, Wells, Lewis, Gould, Phillips and Knapp.

Hawes Sch. The several applications from seventeen persons for the office of master of the Hawes School, with the several documents accompanying the same, were read.

master chosen The board then proceeded by ballot to the election of Master of the Hawes School, and upon the sixth ballot Moses D. Walker was chosen.

Ushers Voted, That the subject of nomination of Ushers of the Grammar and writing schools, be referred to the sub committees of the respective schools.

Secty to give notice Voted, That the Secretary give public notice that applications for the place of ushers to the grammar & writing schools will be received until twelve o'clock, of the day of September next, and that the applications shall express the name of the School to which the applicant wishes to be attached.

Time of advert. Voted, that the time of advertizing, and the filling the blank in the foregoing vote be under the direction of the Chairman.

Salaries of masters &c. The committee to whom was referred the subject of the salaries of the teachers in our grammar schools — Also

The committee to whom was referred the subject of compensation of the female teachers and assistant teachers in the grammar schools — made reports which were read and laid upon the table, and made the order of the day, at the next meeting of this board.

Adjourned to friday next, 4 o'clock, P. M.

Attest,
S. F. McCleary,
Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Friday, the thirty first day of August, Anno Domini, 1832. –

Present –

Hon.ble Charles Wells, Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen Oliver, Rufell, McCleary, Farnam, Ellis, Bowdoin and Tileston.

Mesrs. Arnold, McKean, Williams, Curtis, Phillips & Knapp.

Female Teachers

The board took into consideration the report of the committee to whom was referred the subject of compensation of the female teachers and assistant teachers in the grammar Schools – and after discussion the same was accepted – This report provides, that they each have an annual salary of one hundred and fifty dollars, payable quarterly.

Masters & Ushers

The report of the committee establishing the salaries of the masters and ushers of the English Grammar & writing schools, was taken up and read and ordered to be laid upon the table, and made the order of the day at the next meeting.

Adjourned to Tuesday next, 4 o'Clock, P. M.

Attest

S. F. McCleary,

Secretary.

African master.

* Voted, That the salary of the master of the African School, for the year ensuing be eight hundred dollars, payable quarterly.

This vote was omitted thro' mistake.

S. F. McCleary

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on tuesday, the fourth day of September, A. 1832.

Present—

Honble Charles Wells, Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen— Oliver, Rufsell, Tarnam, Ellis and Tileston.

Mefsrs— Arnold, McKean, Williams, Wells, Curtis, Phillips, Knapp and Motte.

The board took into consideration the report of the committee establishing the salaries of the masters and ushers of the English grammar and writing schools. A motion was made to strike out "fifteen" & insert "twelve" so as to make the salaries of the masters of the grammar schools twelve hundred dollars per annum instead of fifteen hundred dollars, and on this question the yeas and nays were taken, and were as follows viz:

Yeas & Nays.

Yeas— Mefs^{rs} Oliver, Rufsell, Tarnam and Ellis . . . . 5.

Nays. Mefs^{rs} Tileston, Arnold, McKean, Williams, Wells, Curtis, Phillips, Knapp and Motte . . . . . 9.

So said motion did not prevail.

Grammar masters — salaries

It was voted to ballot for the amount of salary to be paid to the masters of the Grammar Schools, & the ballots being taken, and were found to be as follows viz:

Six	for	1500.
one	"	1400.
two	"	1300.
five	"	1200.

This subject in ~~the~~ of the ~~The~~ report was then ordered to be laid upon the table.

Ushers salaries

That part of the report making the salaries of the ushers to be seven hundred dollars per annum, was taken up and after discussion the same was amended by striking out "seven" & in lieu thereof to insert "Six"

writing masters salary

That part of the report making the salaries of the writing masters twelve hundred dollars per annum, was taken up and accepted.—

Appts for instructors to be rec^{d}.

Ordered, That notice be published, that applications for the office of writing master in the public schools, will be received at the Mayor's office, until 12 o'Clock on Friday noon & that the blank in the vote passed at the last meeting in relation to the places of ushers in the grammar & writing schools be filled with the word "Seventh."

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned to meet at this place on friday, the seventh instant, at 4 o'Clock P. M.

Adjourned to that time & place accordingly.

Attest,

S. H. McCleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on friday, the seventh day of September, Anno Domini, 1832.

Present -

Hon.ble Charles Wells, Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen - Oliver, Russell, McCleary, Farnam, Binney, and Bowdoin.

Messieurs - Arnold, McKean, Williams, Wells, Curtis, Phillips, Knapp & Motte.

Writing Masters chosen

The several applications for the office of writing masters in the several schools, being read, the board proceeded by ballot to the choice of seven writing masters, and the votes being taken it appeared, that the following were chosen, viz.t and they were assigned to the several schools as follows - viz.t

Levi Conant	Eliot School.
Peter Mackintosh jr.	Hancock School.
Benjamin Callender,	Mayhew School.
James Robinson,	Bowdoin School.
Abel Wheeler	Boylston School.
David B. Tower	Adams School.
Otis Pierce	Franklin School.

Grammar masters salaries

The board proceeded to consider that part of the report of the committee on salaries, which relates to salaries of the grammar masters, and after discussion the same was amended by striking out "fifteen" & in lieu thereof inserting "twelve" so as to make the salary of each twelve hundred dollars per annum, payable quarterly.

Which report so amended was accepted.

Boys Schools

Voted, That the subject of commencing the boys Schools under the new organization be referred to the sub committee, of those Schools, with instructions to make such arrangements as they may deem expedient until ushers shall be appointed for their respective Schools.

Ushers. The several applications for ushers in the several grammar and writing schools for boys, were referred to the several sub committees to make nominations agreeable to the vote of this board the 28th ultimo.

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned to meet at this place on tuesday next, 4 o'Clock P. M.

Adjourned to that time and place accordingly.

Attest,
E. M. McCleary.
Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on tuesday, the eleventh day of September, A. D. 1832.

Present—
Honble Charles Wells, Mayor—Chairman—
Aldermen—Oliver, Rupell, McCleary, Farnam, Binney, Bordoin, and Tileston.
Mesricins—Croswell, Little, Arnold, McKean, Williams, Wells, Curtis, Gould, and Knapp.

Franklin School semi annual return. Semi annual return was received from the Master of the Franklin School. Read and ordered to be returned the same not being made according to the rules of this board, and that he be furnished with a blank form.

Eliot sch. usher. The sub committee of the Eliot School, reported, that they had nominated Jacob Holland Kent, for usher of the writing department of said School. Which nomination was confirmed and he was appointed accordingly. And they had further time to make a nomination for the grammar department.

Mayhew. The sub committee of the Mayhew School reported that they were not prepared to make a nomination, & prayed for further time so to do: Which was granted.

Boylston Sch. The sub committee of the Boylston School, reported that they had nominated Baman Stone, for usher of said School—Which nomination was confirmed, & he was appointed accordingly.

Adams Sch.

The sub committee of the Adams School reported, that they had nominated John Sullivan Perkins, Junior, usher for the grammar department of said School. And Abner Forbes, usher for the writing department of said school, and they were appointed accordingly.

Harrington

Complaint of Leonard Harrington, against the Master of the Mayos School, for cruelly beating his son Leonard. Read and committed to Messrs. Tileston, Curtis & Gould, to consider and report.

Voted, to adjourn to tuesday next, four o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned to that time and place accordingly.

Attest

F. W. McCleary,
Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on tuesday, the eighteenth day of September, Anno Domini, 1832.

Present -

Honble Charles Wells, Mayor, Chairman.
Aldermen, River, McCleary, Binney, Ellis and Bowdoin.
Messieurs - Croswell, Little, Arnold, McKean, Williams, Wells, Curtis, and Gould.

Franklin Sch.

Semi annual return was received from the Master of the Franklin School, which was read and filed.

Mayhew Sch.

The sub committee of the Mayhew School, reported that they had nominated William Richardson, for usher of the grammar department, and Thomas P. Ryder, Usher for the writing department of said School - Which nominations were confirmed, and they were appointed accordingly.

Hatch

Petition of Henry Hatch, and others, praying, that the old system may be re-established, so far as to permit boys to attend the Franklin School. Read and committed to Messrs Motte, Tileston, Knapp and Bowdoin, to consider and report. Said committee were also instructed to report the places of residence of the Petitioners.

Medals

Ordered, that Messrs. Wells, Bowdoin & McKean be a committee to consider and report upon the expediency of procuring new dies for the Franklin medals - and the City medals for females -

Salaries

Ordered, that the salaries of the Masters of the Latin and English Classical Schools, as recently established commence on the first day of September instant.

Mayhew School Master pro tem.

The sub committee of the Mayhew School most respectfully represent, that Mr. Clough the grammar master of that School, has been & now is confined to his house by a severe bilious attack, and it is the opinion of the Sub committee that he will be unable to resume his duties in the School for some days, perhaps weeks, as change of residence and air is deemed necessary to the restoration of his health, the interest of the School requires the Master's presence. The Usher this day appointed should not be placed alone in charge of the School until he has become familiar with the duties. Your Committee therefore ask permission to employ a suitable person as a grammar master, until Mr. Clough is able to resume the charge of the School, & that provisions be made to pay the person, who may be employed for his services:

Which is respectfully submitted. J. Binney, Chairman

Read and accepted, and thereupon ordered, that the Sub committee be authorized and instructed to employ a master pro tempore, for said School.

Harrington's complaint

Leonard Harrington's complaint

Gentlemen,

My son Leonard Harrington, jun.r was yesterday cruelly beaten and wounded by Mr. Moses W. Walker, Master of the Hawes School, South Boston, whose School my son attended. As far as I can learn, there was no such misconduct on the part of the boy, as would have justified the infliction of even moderate chastisement much less, the aggravated whipping he received. I am informed, other boys were severely beaten, and that the consequence has been a great excitement of public feeling in South Boston.

I would therefore respectfully ask of the Committee an investigation of the subject, and an opportunity to be heard, at as early a day as is convenient, that if the charges against the master are sustained, such redress may be had, as the circumstances may appear to require. Respectfully, Leonard Harrington, by Wm B. Dorr

S.th Boston, Sep. 11. 1832.

The Gentlemen of the Sub committee of the Hawes School South Boston.

Master Walker's reply.

The Master's reply.

Gentlemen,

The following is a detailed statement of all the facts

relating to the ground of Mr. Harrington's complaint. Previous to my entering the Hawes School, I had learned from unquestionable sources, much of its condition. I had learned, that within the last three months the boys had in one instance opposed the master physically; that within the same time, the girls had in three instances struck the teacher; that subordination & study were the order of by gone days entirely. Knowing thus much of the state of things, I was led to the conclusion, that my first labours in the School would necessarily be of a disciplinary character, and on Mond. morn last at about half past eight, I entered it with a full determination both to teach and to govern it. I found the scholars collected and in great disorder. After the Carpenter whom I found at work in the room had removed his tools & closed the door, I immediately took the chair, stamped loudly upon the floor & called the school to order. And here for the first time Harrington attracted my notice, by continuing his talk & laughter; I again enjoined silence, directing my remarks particularly to Harrington, after which the house was still. I then said "hear me. I see many things which I do not like, & which may not be continued. I am about to command you to do some few things, and I shall speak but once. Be careful to obey me promptly, as a failure in this respect will expose you to certain punishment." Seeing a great part of the scholars supporting their heads upon their hands with elbows upon their desks, I said to them "the first thing ~~& great~~ which you are to do is to take your elbows from those desks." This was instantly done by every one except Harrington, to whom I again addressed myself, & in a manner which left no room for his mistaking my meaning. Upon this he removed his elbows from the desk, but assumed a look in which I read his character. The Scholars were then told to fold their arms, and to remain in that position until further orders. This was done; but I now observed, that Harrington, & two or three in his immediate vicinity were casting looks at each other & laughing. They were ordered to take those smiles from their faces; — whereupon Harrington removed his arms from the position in which he had been just before commanded to hold them, placed his elbows upon the desk, his hands before his face, & continued laughing and looking from behind his hands at the boys about him. After this third exhibition of his indifference to my commands, I thought it necessary to make an example of him, & to shew my intention of being master of the school. Accordingly I called him to my desk & bade him place his hands upon the floor, which after a little hesitation he did. I then struck him upon his posterious three blows with a rattan, bad him stand up, & enquired of him if he was disposed to do what he was commanded to do. He made no reply, but stood shaking his head. He was ordered to place himself again in the same position. This he refused to do, but was assisted by my left hand, while with the right I inflicted about the same number of blows, as before. He was again told to stand up, & again asked the same question; to which he muttered "yes". I told him to satisfy me of his sincerity by walking

to the farther side of the room, lightly, upon his toes. He moved off in a most impudently swaggering manner. He was called back & allowed another opportunity, but not thinking it best to improve it, he was again punished in a similar manner. On being allowed to stand, he was asked, if he would obey me, to which he very promptly replied that he would. He was called on for the same evidence of his disposition as before, which he gave to my satisfaction. I then bade him lay down upon his back, & get up; which he did. This last he was called on to repeat, which being done to my acceptance he was allowed to take his seat.

If this account of the affair be correct, & I trust that an appeal to those present will convince you that it is rigidly so, you will perceive that the boy was punished for obstinate disobedience; & that the punishment was continued only until the obstinacy was subdued.

On returning to the school in the afternoon, I was informed by the Revd Mr. Ballou, that Mr. Harrington had created a considerable excitement in relation to the matter, he told me that Mr. H. was in a great passion, and advised me, to avoid coming into personal contact with him, that he was determined on obtaining satisfaction of some sort; but that his (Mr. Ballou's) influence would be used to prevent unpleasant consequences. Soon after Mr. Harrington came to the school house, & informed me, that he should not "thrash" me then; that he should first seek redress at law; that if he could not obtain satisfaction; whenever he would come to school, I see who could get the "thrashing" with much more of the same sort. He called at the school house once since, and in one instance he stopped me upon the S. Boston bridge, in a very rude manner, shaking his fist in my face, and swearing to flog me if he could get no other satisfaction.

Regretting the necessity of troubling you with a case like the present.

I am very respectfully, yours —

M. W. Walker.

To Messrs. Curtis, Gould & Tileston.

Boston, Sept. 11th 1832.

Report of sub com^ee

Report of Sub committee.

The select committee to whom the complaint of Leonard Harrington against Mr. Moses W. Walker, the master of the Hawes School was referred, ask leave to report —

That in pursuance of notice from them, the complainant and the Master appeared before them with sundry witnesses on one side to support the accusation, and on the other to establish the statements contained in the answer of the master, which is herewith submitted. The witnesses examined on behalf of Mr. Harrington, were his son; a boy named Ballou, & a young man who keeps an Apothecary's shop in South Boston, named Caldwell, those called by Walker, were Micajah Pope, a teacher, and three girls belonging to the first class in the school. With the exception of the boy Harrington,

all these persons statements concurred in the principal facts & circumstances in a remarkable manner, though each was examined privately and apart from the others. The facts as they appeared to your committee were, that Mr. Walker, after being inducted into office, called the School to order, and was promptly obeyed by all the pupils, except Harrington - that after several instances of inattention to the Masters directions, he was called out & Sundry blows inflicted on his posteriors, with a rattan, given over again of cloth trowsers. The greatest discrepancy in the evidence exists on this point, namely, as to the number of the blows given at this time - The boy (Harrington) stating, that he received as many as twenty, while Pope, and the female witnesses say, that the number did not exceed five - None of them however counted the blows at either time: After this first correction, Harrington was asked, if he ~~[illegible]~~ would obey, but made no reply except by that peculiar shake of the head, which every one who has had or seen the government of school boys, cannot fail to have witnessed. —

The Master then gave him about the same number of blows as at first, and this was followed by a muttered apart on the boys part, & the Masters inquiry repeated, if he would obey orders - The Master, to try him, directed him to run quickly across the floor, without noise; on tiptoe or on the forepart of his feet - This he did not do, but moved slowly, & in a noisy manner; when he returned the Master ordered him to try again, & on repeating this conduct, he again gave him about the same number of blows, as in the first instance; Harrington was then directed to lie down - & get up quickly & to go without noise; & on tiptoe to his seat, which he performed to the Masters satisfaction. From a comparison of all the evidence, your committee judge that Harrington received about 12 or 15 blows in all, though Caldwell the Apothecary, who examined the boys person, thought the number of marks on his posteriors indicated a greater number; the skin, though not broken, was inflamed, & on several days afterwards was discolored. All who witnessed the transaction, but the boy himself, concur in saying that the master was not in a passion, but was cool and composed. It was proved, that Harrington is an unruly boy, more often meriting & receiving punishment from the former master, than any other boy in the School, & the female witnesses & some of them, describe his conduct as insulting towards them out of School.

It is stated, that good order has prevailed in the School, ever since the event under consideration, & the number of pupils has been gradually increasing from 52 who were present on the first morning, to 73 which was the number yesterday (Monday Sept. 17.)

Upon the whole, your committee are of opinion, that although the punishment received by Harrington was pretty severe, it was not excessive, & the master does not appear to have been actuated by passion or prejudice or any other motive than an honest belief of the necessity, considering the circumstances of the school, of checking the first symptoms of disobedience & of subduing the obstinacy of the boy, who happened first to require discipline

and correction; They therefore recommend that the complaint of Leonard Harrington against Moses W. Wilkins, for alledged abuse of his son, Leonard Harrington, Junr. be dismissed.

All which is respectfully submitted—

For the Comm.ee

Charles P. Curtis.

The foregoing report was read and accepted.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

S.H. McCleary,

" " Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room City Hall, on tuesday, the sixteenth day of October, A. D. 1832.

Present

Hon.ble Charles Wells, Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen Oliver, McCleary, Binney, Ellis, Bowdoin and Tileston.

Messieurs Little, Arnold, McKean, Williams, Wells, Gould, Clark, Phillips, Knapp and Motte.

Girls sch.rs exhibition Com.ee

Voted, that the committees for the visitation of the girls schools be arranged as follows viz.

Hancock School,	Mess.rs	The Mayor, McCleary, Arnold & Croswell.
Bowdoin "	"	Curtis, Williams, Bowdoin and Binney.
Franklin "	"	Motte, Little, Russell and McKean.
Boylston "	"	Gould, Farnam, Clark, Phillips & Wells.
Hawes "	"	Knapp, Tileston, Ellis and Oliver.

Medals

Voted, that the several sub committees return the names of the candidates for medals, whom they shall select, to the Secretary, on or before the Saturday next preceding the day of exhibition.

Franklin fund

Voted, that the Chairman be authorized to assign, transfer and convey a certificate of Stock of the ~~United~~ Stock of the United States of nine hundred and forty four dollars, bearing an interest of three per cent. per annum, and to release the capital sum, payable to the School committee, the interest of which to be laid out in silver medals, agreeably to the will of the donor Doctor Benjamin Franklin.

Hatch Franklin Sch.

The committee to whom was referred, the petition of Henry Hatch, and others, requesting, that boys might be admitted to Franklin School - reported, as on file, that they may be discharged from the further consideration of this subject, and that said petition, together with this report, be recommended for consideration to the committee on the location of the new School house at the South end of the City.

Read, accepted, & ordered accordingly.

Willard

Petition of Aaron Willard, and others, that boys may be permitted to attend the Franklin School - Referred to the committee who have under consideration the subject of the location of the new School house at the south end of the City, to consider & report.

Mayhew Sch.

The sub committee of the Mayhew School reported, that they have appointed, on the 20th day of September, last, Mr. Aaron Davis Capen, to take charge of the grammar - department of said School, who continued to discharge that duty up to the 15th day of October instant, both days inclusive - Mr. Clough this day resumed their charge of said School - The com.ee recommend, that an allowance of one quarters salary, be paid to Mr. Capen. Read & accepted.

Sullivan Eng. Classical Sch.

Application of Wm. Sullivan, Esq. to have admitted to the English Classical School, a son of Capt. Stevens of the Navy, who is stationed at Boston, but for convenience has a house in Charlestown. This boy is about 13 years old, is adopted by Ebenezer Sage, Esq. who is now in Boston, and is a Citizen and resident here. Read - and thereupon ordered, that the sub committee of the above School - be authorized to admit said boy, provided he is qualified, and his application was made in proper time, and that Mr. Sage is a Citizen of Boston, and pays taxes here.

Teachers

Voted, that the male teachers and assistants who were in the service of the City at the time of the changes of the Schools took place be allowed their salaries to the end of the quarter.

Grammar masters.

Petition of the Grammar masters of the Bowdoin, Boylston, Hancock, Eliot, Franklin, Adams and Mayhew Schools for an increase of their salaries; which was read, and a motion was made, that the same be laid on the table, which was decided in the negative. A motion was then made that said petition be referred to a committee to consider and report &c. was also decided in the negative. A motion was then made that two hundred dollars per annum, payable quarterly, with their salaries, as they shall become due, be paid to the grammar masters of the above named Schools, commencing on the first day of October, instant - Which passed in the affirmative, and ordered accordingly.

Rules & orders.

Mr. Phillips submitted the following motion — viz.

Ordered, that the subject of the rules and regulations of the Schools be referred to a committee with a view to a revision of the same, with instructions to report also any change in the arrangement of them which may, in the opinion of the committee, be more convenient than the present — Said motion was decided in the affirmative, & thereupon ordered, that the former committee on the subject be appointed — viz. Messrs. Wells, Curtis and Bowdoin, and that Mr. Phillips be added to said committee.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest.

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor & Aldermen's room City Hall, on tuesday, the thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1832.

Present.

Hon.ble Charles Wells, Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen — Oliver, Russell, McCleary, Farnam, Binney and Ellis.

Messieurs — Arnold, McKean, Williams, Wells, Curtis, Gould, Clark, Knapp, and Motte.

Quart.r reports.

Quarterly reports were made by the Sub committees of the several Schools, which were read and accepted.

Parker Book.

The sub committee on books to whom was referred the letter of R. G. Parker, Principal of the Franklin School requesting that a book entitled "Progressive Improvement in Composition" may be introduced into that School — Reported, that the work altho' one of merit, it would be inexpedient to introduce into the School; and they therefore report against granting the request contained in said letter — Which report was read and accepted; but afterwards was reconsidered and recommitted. —

Latin & Eng. Class. sch. books

Voted, that sub committee of the Latin & English Classical Schools be authorized to purchase a suitable number of books for the examination of said Schools. —

Rules & orders

The committee on rules and orders were discharged at their own request. —

Hawes sch. Usher — Voted, that the sub committee of the Hawes School select and report a suitable person as an usher of that School.

Gleason — Application of H. Gleason to be appointed an Usher in the Franklin School. Read and referred to the sub committee of that School to consider and report.

Hatch Franklin Sch. — The sub committee to whom was referred the petition of Henry Hatch, and others, praying, that boys may be admitted into the Franklin School, Report, That they have duly considered, the subject, & are of opinion, that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, and that the rules & regulations of the School committee be amended accordingly. For the committee. B. Russell, Chairman.

Read, accepted, and thereupon ordered, that the sub committees of the Franklin, Adams and Boylston Schools be a committee to carry the same into effect.

Stowell — Voted, that Charles Stowell's bill for white washing the English Classical School, be referred to the Chairman.

Vose — Memorial of Peter Thacher Vose, respecting a correct view and synopsis of the State of Maine; more particularly representing the disputed ~~[illegible]~~ territory, adjoining the British Provinces. Referred to the committee on books to consider and report.

African Sch. — Voted, that the African School room shall not be occupied for any other purpose than a public day School, without the consent of the sub committee of that school.

Prof. Farrar — Application of Professor Farrar, for the loan of sundry Philosophical instruments to be used in giving lectures before the Society for the diffusion of useful knowledge. Read and thereupon ordered, that the same be granted — and also that the Principal of the English Classical School be authorized to use any of the instruments belonging to said School, in his lectures before said society — An obligation to be taken to return said instruments in good order — all under the direction of the Sub committee of that School.

Hawes Sch. — On the representation of the sub-committee of the Hawes School, ordered that s.d. com.ee be authorized to cause additional seats to be made in said School house, & and procure additional furniture, for the same; provided the same shall not exceed the sum of two hundred dollars.

Adjourned.

At a special meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, called by order of the Chairman held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room; on Wednesday, the Sixth day of December, Anno Domini, 1832.

Present

Honble Charles Wells, Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen — River, Russell, McCleary, Parnam, and Ellis.

Messieurs — Croswell, Arnold, McKean, Williams, Wells, Gould, Knapp, and Motte.

Stock Franklin fund.

The committee appointed to transfer a certificate of stock of the U. S. of $944. bearing an interest of three per centum per annum, and to reloan the capital sum, payable to the School committee, the interest of which to be laid out in silver medals, agreeably to the will of the donor Doctor Benjamin Franklin. Reports, That ~~that~~ he be transferred said certificate of stock accordingly, and invested the net proceeds in a note of the City of Boston, dated 17th October, 1832, for $940, 86/100, payable in three years, with interest at five per centum per annum, payable quarterly, to the School committee, for the purpose above expressed.

Read & accepted.

Franklin School Adams st

The committee to whom was referred the subject of reorganizing the Franklin School, so that boys may be instructed therein, made a report, which after discussion was recommitted to the same committee, with instructions so to arrange the Adams School, as to restore it to its original power vizt that girls be admitted to that School as well as boys.

Reed Hawes Sch.

On application of Mr Reed, that his son be restored to the Hawes School, altho' he is over fourteen years of age, — Referred to the Sub committee of that School with full power to admit him, if they shall deem it expedient.

Medals — die for

On motion of Mr Wells, the Chairman of the com^ee on books ordered, that the committee on the subject of the expediency of preparing a new die for medals be discharged, and that the subject be referred to the next School committee.

Field's Geography

The committee on the subject of Mr Parnum Field's Geography was discharged at their own request but afterwards reconsidered and the subject was recommitted —

Parker Franklin Sch.

The committee on the communication of Richard G. Parker, master of the Franklin School, for liberty to use in said School, a book which he has compiled entitled "Progressive exercises in English composition" reported, that the prayer of said petition be granted.

Read and accepted.

Vose

The committee on books also reported, on the memorial of Peter Thacher Vose, respecting a "correct view & Synopsis of the State of Maine, more particularly representing the disputed territory adjoining the British Provinces" That it is inexpedient to introduce them into the public Schools of the city.

Read and accepted.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to meet at this place on tuesday, next, four o'Clock, P. M.

Adjourned to that time and place accordingly.

Attest

E. H. McCleary.

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of December, Anno Domini, 1832.

Present—

Honble Charles Wells, Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen Oliver, Russell, McCleary, Farnam, Ellis and Tileston.

Messieurs — Croswell, Little, Arnold, McKean, Williams, Wells, Gould Knapp and Motte.

Field's American School Geography.

The committee on books reported, that it is inexpedient to introduce into the public schools Field's Geography. Which was not accepted — thereupon ordered, that said Geography be used in the public schools, and that the several masters be authorized to introduce said book, as soon as practicable and convenient, provided the same be done without expense to the City and the present pupils.

Franklin & Adams Schools

The committee to whom was referred the remodelling of the Franklin and Adams Schools, for the admission of children of both sexes, ask leave to report, that a majority of the committee are in favor of the alteration in both schools; provided, (which they have ascertained to be practicable) that the two yards attached to each school house be kept entirely separate, and the same yard be always used by the same sex. Agreeably to the petition of Henry Hatch and others, praying, that the Franklin School be restored to its former organization, your committee are of opinion, that two ushers should be appointed in place of the six female teachers now employed in that school. They recommend Mr. Jairus Lincoln to the usher ship, in the grammar department, and Mr. Daniel Frost to that in the writing department. For the committee. M. J. Motte.

Upon the question of acceptance of said report, a division of was called for, and that said report be accepted as modified as follows viz: That one usher and three female teachers be appointed in addition to the principal masters in the Franklin school. That the ushers of the Adams School be retained — Ordered, that the sub committees of said Schools carry these regulations into effect.

Usher chosen

The board proceeded by ballot to the choice of usher of Franklin School, and the votes being taken, it appeared that Jairus Lincoln was chosen.

Hawes Sch. Teacher

Ordered, that the lad who has been employed as a teacher in the Hawes School, for his services, be allowed his bill amount to $8. —

Secretary

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Samuel F. McCleary, Esq. Secretary of this board, the sum of one hundred dollars, for his services in that capacity for the present year.

Bowdoin Sch.

Petition of the parents and guardians of the pupils of the Bowdoin Schools, praying, that said school have but one Session a day, and continue until two o'Clock each day. Read and referred to the next School committee.

The board was then adjourned without day.

Attest:

S. F. McCleary.

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, on tuesday, the fifteenth day of January, Anno Domini, 1833.

The following Gentlemen compose the School committee the present year.

Charles Wells, Mayor.

Aldermen.

Henry Farnam.	Thomas Wetmore
John Binney	Samuel Fales
Jabez Ellis	Joseph W. Revere
William Tileston.	Benjamin Fiske.

From the wards.

Ward No. 1.	William Croswell 4	Ward No. 7.	Samuel A. Eliot 5
" " 2.	Thomas Hollis. 9	" " 8.	Benjamin A. Gould 7
" " 3.	George W. Blagden.	" " 9.	William Grigg.
" " 4.	Joseph W. McKean. 11	" " 10.	Stephen Fairbanks.
" " 5.	Henry Williams	" " 11.	John Knapp. 1
" " 6.	John Clark.	" " 12.	David Lee Child.

All the above appeared and took their seats, except Messrs. Farnam, Tileston, Wetmore, & Williams. –

Chairman. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor, voted to proceed to the choice of a Chairman by ballot, and the votes being taken it appeared that the Hon. Charles Wells was chosen.

Secretary. Voted to proceed to the choice of a Secretary by ballot and the votes being taken, it appeared that Samuel F. McCleary, was chosen.

Sub comces. Sub or visiting committees.

Latin, Messrs.	Gould	Latin Messrs.	Wetmore
	Croswell		Hollis
	Williams		Knapp
	McKean		Fales
	Eliot		Child

English Classical. Messrs.	The Mayor,	Eng. Class. Messrs.	Clark
	Farnam		Grigg
	Binney		Blagden
	Ellis		Revere
	Tileston	Fairbanks.	Fiske

Eliot.	Mess.rs	Croswell	Hancock	Mess.rs	Wells (Mayor)
		Tileston			Blagden
		Hollis			Fiske
Mayhew	Mess.rs	Binney	Bowdoin.	Mess.rs	Williams
		McKean			Eliot
		Croswell			Wetmore
Boylston.	Mess.rs	Gould	Adams.	Mess.rs	Clark
		Farnam			Revere
		Grigg.			Fairbanks
Hawes	Mess.rs	Clark	African.	Mess.rs	McKean
		Ellis			Williams
		Tales			Child.

Schools on having one sesion.

Petition of the parents and guardians of the pupils of the Bowdoin School, praying, that said School have but one session a day, and continue until two o'clock. Read and committed to Mess.rs Knapp, Eliot, McKean, Child and Fairbanks, to consider and report.

Rules &c.

Ordered, that Mess.rs McKean, Eliot and Knapp be a committee to revise the rules and regulations of the School committee, and report at the next regular meeting.

Medals. new die

Ordered, that Mess.rs McKean, Fairbanks and Revere be a committee to consider and report upon the expediency of procuring a new die for the Franklin medals, and City medals for females.

Com: Conf:

Ordered, that Mess.rs Gould, Farnam and Knapp. be a standing committee to confer with the primary school committee.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to meet at this place on tuesday next, four o'clock P. M:

Adjourned to that time & place accordingly.

Attest,

E. M. McCleary.

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, on tuesday the twenty second day of January, at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, Anno Domini, 1833.

Present.

Hon. Charles Wells, Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen_ Farnam, Binney, Ellis, Wetmore, Tales, Revere and Fiske.

Messieurs_ Croswell, Hollis, Blagden, McKean, Eliot, Gould, Fairbanks & Knapp.,

Books Com.ee on

Ordered, that Messrs Gould, Croswell, McKean, Eliot and Blagden be a standing committee on books.

School houses

Ordered, that Messrs Eliot, Gould and Wetmore, be a committee to examine the structure and location of the several School houses, and to report from time to time to this Board such alterations as may appear to them expedient and practicable.

Rules Regul.s

Ordered, that Mr. Gould be added to the committee on rules and regulations of the School committee, and that said committee be permitted & have their report altering said rules printed for the use of the members, prior to making the same.

Franklin Sch.

Ordered, that the sub committee of the Franklin School, be instructed with full power to cause the passage way leading to the back yard of the Franklin School to be paved or planked.

Adams Sch.

Ordered, that the sub committee of the Adams School be instructed with full power to admit Zoheth Hopkins to the said School, on application of his mother, notwithstanding his being above the age of fourteen years.

Hawes Sch.

Ordered, that the sub committee of the Hawes School, be instructed with full power, to admit to said School James Fairbanks, Son of Lewis Fairbanks notwithstanding said boy is more than fourteen years of age, he formerly ~~has~~ was a pupil of said School.

Robinson's System of Book keeping.

Memorial of the writing masters of the several Schools, praying, that they may be permitted to use Robinson's System of book keeping, as a text book_ Read & referred to the committee on books, to consider and report. Also their memorial, praying, that Colburn's first lessons be changed for the North American Arithmetic 2d part_ Read and referred to the same committee; to consider and report.

Bowdoin Sch. Girls.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of of a number of the parents of the Bowdoin School, with instructions to consider and report concerning the expediency of altering the hours of attendance in the Schools for females; so as to have but one session a day, reported, that it is inexpedient that any of the schools should be kept but once a day. But considering that the Franklin School was authorized by a vote of the board to be kept but once a day, during the last winter, and since the order admitting both sexes to that and the Adams school in December, last, the girls have been required to attend those schools only once a day, in compliance with the expressed desire of a great majority of the parents, to whom it would be a disappointment to alter that arrangement the present season, the committee recommended that the regulations directing two sessions a day be suspended, as regards the female department of those schools until the first of April next, and enforced from that period.

Read and accepted.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to meet at this place, on tuesday next, four o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned to that time and place accordingly.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor & Aldermen's room, City Hall, on tuesday, the twenty ninth day of January, A. 1833.

Present-

Hon. Charles Wells, Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen Farnam, Binney, Ellis, Wetmore, Revere and Fiske.

Messieurs- Croswell, Mollis, Blagden, McKean, Clark, Elliot, Gould, Grigg, Fairbanks, Knapp and Child.

Snelling.

Petition of Jonathan Snelling, Writing master of the Latin and English classical Schools, praying, that his salary may be increased, and made equal to the other writing masters.

Read and ordered to lie laid upon the Table.

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The following gentlemen were nominated

Primary Sch. Com.ee and appointed to have the care and superintendance of the primary schools, and said committee were authorized to fill all vacancies wch may exist, giving notice of the persons thus chosen: viz:

Moses Grant
Frederick T. Gray.
Francis Parkman
Lewis G. Pray.
George B. Emerson
John T. Pigeon
Chandler Robbins jr.
George A. Sampson
Charles Walker
D. Humphreys Storer
James M. Whiton
John Center
Albert Williams
Aaron Rupell
Richard Austin
T. M. Thompson
Samuel Train
Christopher Gore
William Talbot
Andrew Geyer
Reza Lincoln
J. W. Hall
Charles Choat
Gustavus Horton
Benjamin H. Green
Francis Brown
Frederick A. Sumner
Thomas Gray, jun.

Samuel Howe
George A. Eliot
George W. Otis
Elijah Cobb
Eliphalet P. Hartshorn
Charles K. Lowell
Ezra Palmer jun.
Enoch Hobart
William Freeman
Edmund Wright jun.
Henry Dyer
Martin Gay
T. K. Marvin
Charles Hoddard
Edward G. Davis
Lorenzo S. Cragin
A. Gould
Edward Coleman
Josiah H. Bumstead
Caleb Cushing
John Gulliver
Josiah Holbrook
Thomas Vose
John D. Fisher
Aja Rand
Daniel T. Coit
George A. Snelling
Clement Dugin

Henry Hatch
George Savage
M. L. Perry
Thomas Hunting
William S. Wait
Francis Jackson
William Taylor jr.
John Thompson
Ellis Gray Loring
John Simpson
Jeremy Drake
Joy H. Fairbanks
John B. Hobbins
John B. McCleary.
John Appleton
Nehemiah P. Mann

The meeting was then adjourned sine die.

Attest.

S. B. McCleary.

Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on tuesday, the twelfth day of February, Anno Domini, 1833.

Present.

Hon. Charles Wells, Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen Farnam, Binney, Ellis, Wetmore, Tyler, and Fiske.

Messieurs - Croswell, Hollis, Blagden, McKean, Williams, Clark, Eliot, Gugg, Fairbanks, Knapp and Child.

Semi annual returns.

Semi annual returns were received from the masters of all the grammar and writing Schools - which

Quarterly reps.

Quarterly reports were made by the sub committees of the several Schools, which were severally read and accepted.

English High School.

On motion,

Ordered, that the vote passed March 13. 1832, changing the name of the School in Pinckney street, be and hereby is repealed; and that the name by which it has always been designated in the records, & in the regulations of the Board since the year 1824, be restored, viz. English High School.

Masters of Writing Schools

Petition of the Masters of the several writing Schools to have their salaries raised, and made equal to the grammar masters.

Read and committed to Messrs. Farnam, Binney, Wetmore, McKean and Eliot to consider and report.

Regulations.

The committee appointed to revise the regulations of the School committee, and report this day, made a report, which was previously printed, and distributed to the members of ~~said~~ the School committee -

The report was taken up and considered by paragraphs, and sundry amendments made; and the further consideration of the subject was postponed to the next meeting.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to Monday next, half past three o'clock P.M. then to meet at this place.

Adjourned to that time and place accordingly.

Attest,

E. H. McCleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the room of the Mayor and Aldermen, City Hall, on Thursday the fourteenth day of February, A. D. 1833.

Present

His Hon.r Charles Wells, Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen Farnam, Binney, Ellis, Wetmore, Yale, and Fiske.

Messieurs Croswell, Hollis, McKean, Williams, Clarke, Eliot, Gould, Grigg, Fairbanks, and Knapp.

Books. The committee on books, having examined the books referred to them, viz.: "Robinson's book Keeping" and Emerson's "North American Arithmatic", respectfully report that they find them both works of merit, and they recommend the adoption of the former for use in the public writing Schools of the City, but deem it inexpedient at this time to make any change in the Arithmatic now in use in said Schools. The committee however, take the liberty earnestly to recommend that the use of the slate may form a part of the regular exercises of the second class, as well as of the first class in each school whether it be in connexion with the "First Lessons" or the "Sequel". And to this end, they respectfully submit to the board the following order, viz.:

Ordered, that "Robinson's book Keeping" be used in the public writing Schools of this City; and that the instructers of said Schools be required to commence exercising their pupils with operations on the slate when they shall have reached the second class whether they be in Colburns first lessons or the Sequel.

B. A. Gould for the com.ee

Read, accepted and the order passed.

Regulations. The board again took into consideration the report of the committee appointed to revise the regulations of the School committee and after discussion various amendments were made. And Chap: III art. 2. being amended to read as follows viz.:

"In every school the grammar master and the writing master shall each have the entire regulation and control of his particular department so far as regards the discipline of the pupils while under his immediate care, and as to the particular arrangement of classes and divisions, and the mode in which the branches required in his department shall be taught; but in all cases * of a difference of opinion or conflict of authority shall arise, the grammar master shall be considered the head master of the school, whose decision shall be paramount."

Upon the passage of this article the yeas & nays being required, were taken as follows viz.:

Yeas— Messrs Binney, Croswell, Ellis, Eliot, Yale, Fiske, Fairbanks, Gould, Knapp, McKean, and Williams . . . . . 11.

Nays.

* affecting the general discipline & government of the school unless

Nays - Messrs Clark, Farnam, Hollis, Wetmore and Wells . . . 5

So the same was passed as amended.

After the whole report of the committee upon the regulations was gone through with, a motion was made further to amend the same, the further consideration of the subject was postponed to the next meeting.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to meet at this place on tuesday next 3½ oClock, P. M.

Adjourned to that time & place accordingly.

Attest,
E. M. Cleary,
Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on tuesday, the nineteenth day of February, Anno Domini, 1833.

Present.

Hon. Charles Wells, Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen - Farnam, Binney, Ellis, Wetmore, Hales, Revere and Fiske.

Messieurs - Blagden, McKean, Williams, Eliot, Gould, Grigg, Fairbanks, Knapp and Child.

Usher resigns Franklin Sch.

Darius Lincoln, Usher of the Franklin School having signified his wish to resign, it was ordered, that the Sub committees of that & the Adams Schools be authorized to make such arrangements as they may deem expedient to fill said vacancy &c.

Mackintosh

Letter was received from Peter Mackintosh Junr. protesting against certain provisions of the regulations of this board, now under consideration, respecting the masters of the grammar and writing schools, which was read and it was thereupon ordered; that the letter and protest from one of the public instructers be returned to the writer with a notice from this board, that they consider such interference on the part of an instructer as highly indecorous.

Regulations accepted.

The board again took into consideration the report of the committee appointed to revise the regulations of the School committee, and after discussion and amendments being made, the report as amended was accepted, and thereupon ordered; that five hundred copies of the same be printed, fifty copies of which to be interleaved. And the committee who reported the same be instructed to make an Index thereto.

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School houses

The committee who were instructed to examine the ~~situation~~ situation and location of the several School houses, and to report to this board, from time to time, such alterations as may appear to them expedient and practicable, reported in part, which was read, and thereupon ordered, that five hundred copies of the same be printed for the use of the members of this board.

Sp. Primary Sch. Com.ee

Ordered, that the standing committee of conference with the primary schools, be instructed to recommend to the standing committee of the primary school committee the adoption of a rule, by which children entering the primary schools shall be required to bring a certificate from a Physician, that they have been vaccinated; and also, that the certificate of recommendation for entrance to the grammar schools, shall give the name and place of residence of the parent or guardian of the child.

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned to meet at this place, on Tuesday, the fifth day of March, next, four o'clock P. M.

Adjourned to that time and place accordingly.

Attest

S. F. McCleary.

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on Tuesday, the fifth day of March, Anno Domini, 1833.

Present—

Honble Charles Wells, Mayor, Chairman.
Aldermen— Farnam, Binney, Ellis, Tileston, and Wetmore.
Messieurs— Croswell, Hollis, McKean, Williams, Clark, Eliot, Gould, Grigg, Fairbanks, Knapp and Child.

Blanks

Ordered, that Messrs McKean, Clark & Wetmore, be a committee to revise the blanks used in the public schools and report thereon.

Franklin School. Usher &c. Adams Sch.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for filling the vacancy in the usherships of the Franklin School, and to supply that and the Adams School, with the requisite female apistant teachers, respectfully report, that they have transferred Mr. Abner Forbes, one of the Ushers in the Adams School, to be usher in the Franklin School, he having expressed a desire for the change, and the masters of both Schools consenting; and they have with the like approval on the part of the Masters, appointed Misses Hannah Forbes, Rebecca Barry, and Abby Ann Curtis, to be apistants in the Franklin School, and Misses Sarah Kurtz, Augusta Field and Matilda Chandler to be apistants in the Adams School;— These young ladies having hitherto served to acceptance in the like capacity in the Franklin School, part in the grammar and part in the writing department, & given satisfactory evidence of their competency for the duties of apistants in both departments. The arrangement was agreed upon the first of March instant, and to continue for the remainder of the present Scholastic year.

Which is submitted for the committee— John Knapp.

Read and accepted & ordered accordingly.

Rules Reg^ns repealed

Voted, that all the regulations heretofore made by this board, and not contained in the code adopted on the 19th of February, last, be and they hereby are revoked.

Latin Sch. Clerks

Voted, that two clerks be provided for the use of the Latin School.—

Writing mas. Salary

The committee to whom was referred the petition of the writing masters, praying, to be placed on the same footing, in point of grade & salary with the grammar masters— have considered the subject, and ask leave to Report, That the consideration of this subject be referred to the quarterly meeting of the School committee in August next—

For the committee,
Henry Farnam—

Read and accepted.

Mackintosh. Wm. Peter Mackintosh, Junior, master of the writing department of the Hancock School, having expressed his regret for having made a communication which was joaped upon by this board on the 19th ultimo his apology is deemed and taken to be satisfactory.

Emerson's North American Arith. The board reconsidered the report of the committee on books, which was accepted, on the 11th ultimo, so far as respects Emerson's North American Arithmetic, and the further consideration of the subject was postponed to the next meeting.

School houses— The committee who were appointed "to examine the structure & location of the several School houses, & to report to this board, from time to time such alterations as may appear to them expedient & practicable" having attended to that duty, beg leave respectfully to Report, in part, as follows:

It will not be doubted that in order to the proper cultivation of the youthful mind, attention to the wants & weakness of the youthful body is as necessary as the preparation of the means of intellectual instruction. It is, indeed, an essential preliminary to any valuable education, not merely that the services of a judicious teacher should be secured, but that the place in which his instructions are to be given, should be at once healthful & convenient. It is the duty of parents, & of those who are intrusted by parents to act for them in this matter, to take care that the school room to which their children are to be confined for several hours each day, during the important period of their physical, moral, & intellectual development, be a place which, so far as human caution & prudence can secure such a result, shall expose them to no disease or unnecessary suffering; that it be a place in which not merely the growth of their minds may be promoted, but in which the growth of their bodies shall not be checked; where they may acquire the use of their intellectual faculties, without having their physical organization distored; or their vital powers debilitated, by a constrained position, or an impure atmosphere. The sound, well stored mind, in a sound body is universally allowed to be the true object of education; but it is not so generally acknowledged, though it may be found to be equally true, that it is impossible to produce the one except in conjunction with the other. This is a fact, which, till within a very recent period, has been practically lost sight of among us; at least, far less attention has been paid to it than its importance demands. None can deny that an insufficient supply of fresh air must be directly & permanently injurious to the youthful frame. It is so to every one at every

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period of life; but to what extent it must affect the constitution that has been exposed to it during the years of growth is realized by few. It is not beyond the bounds of belief that the fatal malady which here so commonly attacks the organ of respiration; may, in many cases, have been insidiously planted in the constitution by the noxious vapors of a confined school room. Neither can it be doubted that a constrained position of the body, if continued for any considerable length of time; is particularly calculated to superinduce organic disorder & distortion. Yet in how many instances is the child obliged, in addition to the mental toil of his daily task, to undergo the physical suffering of a painful posture; & to endure, in after life, the chronic pains that were begun in his school room! —

The healthiness of a school room may, in general, be secured by a free circulation of fresh & warm air, & the comfortable construction of the desks of the pupils. The convenience of the room in other respects, its adaptation to the purposes of instruction & discipline, depend, like its salubrity, in a great degree, upon its spaciousness in proportion to the numbers which are habitually to assemble in it. The calculation of its size should depend, not upon the number of individuals that can, by possibility, be seated in the apartment, but upon the volume of air which will be allowed them for respiration; & the space required for commodious seats, for the recitations of the classes into which they may be divided; for the preservation of that discipline & good order which, it is obvious, cannot be maintained in a crowded room. These considerations, might, if it were necessary, be much dwelt on & illustrated, but it is believed that the unanimous assent of physicians, the equally unanimous voice of experienced teachers, & the occasional experiments which every one must have made of the effect of an impure atmosphere upon himself, are sufficient to impress upon all the essential, the vital importance of an abundant supply of air uncontaminated by contact with either the lungs or the surface of the human body. The expediency, then, of furnishing school rooms of sufficient size to afford a healthy atmosphere, & the means of efficient discipline would seem incontrovertible; & one of the first inquiries which your committee thought it necessary to make, related to the size & means of ventilation of the schools. They lament to be obliged to state that the provision hitherto made for the children of this City is very far from being adequate to their wants. It may sound strangely to ears accustomed to hear the praise which is often bestowed upon our system of public schools, and to those who see what appears the great sum annually spent upon them; to hear it asserted that the children have not room enough; & that more care is taken of the health of the convicts in our penitentiary, & of the ventilation of their cells, than is bestowed upon the health of the children we send to our schools, or upon the rooms in which they are assembled. It is nevertheless strictly true: & the committee cannot hesitate to say, they think it expedient that this state of things should be altered as speedily as possible, even at the expense of pulling down the

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present school houses, & building greater, or of doubling the actual number of them. The expense of such a reform they would think well bestowed upon the means of saving health, perhaps life to the thousands who are exposed to the evils of the present establishment. But they are enjoined to report alterations which they may deem practicable as well as expedient; & they hope that the following suggestions may be found to come under that qualification.

I. In the first place, they would most urgently recommend the adoption of measures for ventilating the school rooms in the most thorough manner. The quantity of air in the school rooms is sufficient for the respiration of the number of pupils admitted to them for a few minutes only; & the necessity of changing it is so obvious that the windows are opened directly over the heads of the pupils, in every grammar school in the city, at the imminent risk of their health & their lives. In the opinion of the committee not less than four apertures of six inches diameter should be made in the ceiling of each room, one at each end, & one at about one third part of the length of the room, to communicate with the garret which should have two windows opposite each other, either in the side or end walls of the building, as may be most convenient, for the purpose of allowing the impure air to pass off. The apertures for the lower room must communicate with tubes, to pass through the upper room; & to avoid injury or accident to these important passages, they should be made of cast iron. Each aperture should also be furnished with a slide at the bottom, that it may be opened or closed at the discretion of the master. Another valuable purpose would be answered by these cast iron tubes, where they could be supported from below viz. making the floors firmer, as in most of the schools the floors are now so elastic as to cause a great shaking of the whole edifice whenever they are walked over.

II. The next subject, upon which the committee are desirous of making a suggestion, is closely connected with the ventilation of the rooms, & is of equal importance, viz. the method of warming them. The rooms are now warmed either by an open fire place or a close stove, one at each end, or by two stoves. By these means, combined with the warm exhalations from the crowd of boys or of girls in the school, a sufficient degree of heat, indeed, generally an excessive degree of it is produced. Your committee have found the thermometer, in those schools which are supplied with them, to be at about 70° Fahrenheit, & in those where there was no thermometer, the temperature was probably not less; it generally appeared higher. It is too obvious to require much argument that this is not a proper mode of warming these apartments. A large mass of pure air is consumed by the fires, which would otherwise support the respiration of the pupils, & little use is made of them as ventilators,

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which is so important a part of the purpose to which is so important a part of the purpose to which fire might be applied. Your committee would strongly recommend the introduction into every school house, of one or more furnaces, by which a supply of fresh warm air may be constantly introduced into each room, while that which has been rendered unfit for breathing passes off by the ventilators, a sufficient purity of atmosphere may be obtained to remedy the lamentable evils likely to arise from the present construction of the school rooms in this respect. The danger of accidents to the girls, in passing by an open fire place, from setting fire to their dresses, which are very commonly of cotton, will also be avoided. If the heat supplied by a furnace should not be found sufficient the committee would recommend that a stove be placed in the room to be used when necessary. There can be little doubt, however, that a furnace properly constructed, would generally be sufficient for the purpose. The only objection they can anticipate, is, that furnaces are more costly than stoves or grates. The committee have reason to believe that they are not so; but if they were ten times more costly, they hope that this would not be considered by any branch of the City government, a sufficient objection to the use of them; if they are really, as they are believed to be; better adapted to the health and comfort of the many thousand children who attend the public Schools of the City.

III. Another subject upon which the committee beg leave to offer a remark, is also connected with the healthiness of the school rooms. It is the inclination of the floor. In most of the schools the floors are now raised on one side of the room, & form an inclined plane towards the other side. The degree of inclination is very various, in different schools. The committee have conversed with nearly all the masters upon the subject; & find that some have a preference for an inclined floor, & some for a level one. In neither case, however, did the preference appear a very strong one; & in every instance the choice was determined by the supposed facility afforded by one position, or the other, to the maintenance of discipline, & the oversight of the schools. It appears to the committee, however, that this also, is a point to be determined principally by the comparative healthiness of the two positions; & they are inclined to give a decided preference to the level floor, in this respect, for the following reason. There is a portion of air, which being separated by respiration from the oxygen with which it was combined, becomes heavier than the atmosphere. It falls, therefore, towards the lower part of the floor, & boys who are seated on the lowest forms become the soonest exposed to its noxious influence. If the recommendation just made with regard to furnaces be adopted, another reason will be found for making the floors level, in the more equal distribution of heat. If it be inclined, the boys in the upper form may suffer from too great warmth, while those in the lower may be too cold. If the floor is level, the seat of the master ought, of course, to be raised two or three steps. If it be thought that any difficulty would occur in altering the floors from the position in which they now are, on account of its weakening them, the committee hope that this objection will be

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carefully examined before it is admitted to be insuperable. They believe that a level floor laid on deep joists, one foot asunder, will be found sufficiently firm.

IV. The next subject which has occurred to the consideration of the committee; is connected more with the convenience of the instructer, & the comfort of the pupils than with the health of either. It seems to be thought by the majority of experienced instructers, that a form at which two boys only can be placed, on separate seats, is of the best size for convenience & for discipline. In several of the grammar schools of the City, forms are now used at which three boys are seated; & the committee would suggest the expediency, in every case where an alteration of the floor may be effected, of constructing the seats upon the plan here mentioned. A little more space would be thrown, by this arrangement, into alleys passing from the front to the rear of the seats; but any diminution of accommodation might be more than compensated, by placing the forms nearer to the seats immediately in front of them. There is now, in most, if not in all of the schools, room for passing behind the boys, between them & the next form. In the proposed arrangement, this would be entirely unnecessary; & the seats might be so placed as to enable those who use them to lean upon the desks behind them, thus adding as much to the comfort of the pupil as to the effective power & influence of the teacher. The committee would also recommend that the forms, in case any alteration is made in them, be firmly attached to the joists by which the floor is supported.

There are several other subjects of less moment, upon which the committee will take some future opportunity of reporting. They have deeply felt the importance of ~~deep~~ immediate action in relation to the points to which they have now adverted; from regard to the welfare of the children for whom we are required to provide the place & the means of instruction, & not less, from regard to the character of the City. It is, at once; wrong & disreputable that the children of our citizens should be crowded every day in unwholesome apartments, containing the seeds of disease, & the means of contagion. Is it consistent with the humanity which watches over the health of even the most profligate culprit, to confine the objects of such deep interest as our children in rooms from which it is almost impossible they should escape without injury? The system of education that are now pursued, with increased & increasing energy, require laborious & continued exertion on the part of the children. Is it possible they can make the necessary mental effort, if their bodies are weakened, & their intellects ~~xxx~~ clouded by an impure atmosphere; & the diseases to which they are in consequence exposed? Let us no longer be accessory to the

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wrong which may be done to the great number of youth over whom we are called to superintend, but let us provide, as speedily as is practicable, a remedy for existing evils, & prevent, if posible, their occurrence in future. Your committee beg leave with view to submit the following orders. —

By order of the committee. Samuel A. Eliot.

The foregoing report was read and accepted & the orders passed as amended as follows viz:

Ordered, that the sub committee of each of the grammar and writing schools in the City be required to cause as many ventilators to be made in the ceiling of each apartment of their schools as may be requisite, during one of the vacations of the ensuing summer.

Ordered, that the sub committee of each of the schools be required to provide, at the same time, one or more furnaces for the introduction of warm air into every room according to its size and situation, and to furnish every room with a thermometer.

Ordered, that the floors of the English High and Franklin schools ~~rooms~~ which are now constructed on the plan of an inclined plane, be altered, so that they may be level throughout, and that the seats of the scholars be constructed on the plan suggested in this respect, and the desks of the instructers proportionally raised.

Ordered, that an estimate of the expense of these alterations be prepared by the sub committee of each school, to be returned to this board as soon as may be, and that an application be made immediately thereafter to the City Council for an appropriation for the purpose of carrying them into effect.

Ordered, that the sub committees report to this board at its next meeting, the various estimates necessary.

Ordered, that the committee who reported as above be added to the several sub committees, for the purpose above expressed.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to meet at this place, on tuesday the 26th. instant, 4 Oclock P. M.

Adjourned to that time and place accordingly.

Attest,

E. H. McCleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, at City Hall, on tuesday, the twenty sixth day of March, Anno Domini, 1833.

Present —

Hon.ble Charles Wells, Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen, Farnam, Binney, Ellis, & Wetmore, —

Messieurs, Croswell, Hollis, Blagden, McKean, Williams, Clark, Eliot, Gould, Grigg, Fairbanks, Knapp, and Child.

Colburn's & North American Arithmetic

Agreeably to assignment, the board proceeded to the consideration of that part of the report of the committee on books as relates to "Colburns first lessons" A motion was made made to amend said report, so that "Emerson's North American Arithmetic", part second, be introduced and used in the Schools in lieu of "Colburn's first lessons" which after discussion was decided in the negative and the report was accepted, as it was originally reported.

Sunday sch.

Ordered, that the vote which was passed by the School committee January 4. 1822, which authorized the school houses be occupied and used for Sunday schools, be so far altered, that said houses shall not be used for the purposes aforesaid, except on Sundays.

School houses structure of

The committee on the structure of the several school houses, having been joined to the sub committees of the schools, for the purpose of preparing an estimate of the cost of the alterations proposed in the report submitted to the board at a late meeting, beg leave, respectfully, to report; —

That they have obtained from competent housewrights & persons skilled in business of the sort, estimates of the expense of making the ventilators, & furnishing the hot air stoves mentioned in the report alluded to, & find them to be as follows. Each ventilator for the lower school rooms to communicate with the garret, by means of a wooden tube, will cost eight dollars; each ventilator for the upper rooms will cost five dollars. The plan proposed is to set these tubes close to the brick walls of the building, so that they will project into the room through which they pass, two or three inches only beyond the plastering. Hot air stoves can be supplied & set (if not far distant from a chimney flue) for fifty dollars each. The cost of ventilating the garret by means of a hole cut through the roof, & protected by a sufficient covering of zinc, will be twenty five dollars for each building.

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The total expence therefor for each school house, of ventilating & warming the apartments on the plan proposed will be;

For four ventilators in each room	$ 52.-
A hot air stove for each room $ 50 ea.	100.-
Aperture in the roof, protected by a zinc cover	25.
Total	$ 177.

And the committee beg leave to recommend, that an application be made by this board to the City Council for an appropriation to that amount for each of the following schools viz: The Hancock, Eliot, Mayhew, Bowdoin, Boylston, Adams & Franklin Schools, making the sum of $ 1239. The Latin School requires some additional means of heating, viz. is believed that the introduction of two similar hot air stoves will be sufficient for the purpose at the cost of changing the floors & seats in the Franklin & High schools, making the floors level & arranging the forms upon a different plan. These two buildings are not far from the same size; & the expence of making the requisite alteration, would not be materially different; but there is considerable difficulty as is well known in ~~following~~ foreseeing circumstances which may arise in the course of any extensive alterations, or in the progress of any undertaking of magnitude. The committee have therefore been very desirous to avoid every thing which was of doubtful expediency; & after examining several plans & estimates, they have thought it best on the whole to recommend the following; viz: To remove the seats, floors & trusses which now exist, & to support each timber by an iron column of 3 or 4 inches diameter, the columns to be placed on one of the timbers which now support the lower floor of the buildings, running the whole length of them, & sustained by brick piers at proper intervals. These timbers divide the width of the school houses into third parts, so that the iron columns would pass through the writing apartment at about one third of the width of the same. It is not believed that they would interfere with the convenience of either of the teachers or pupils in any degree, or with the proper supervision of the schools. If any additional strength should be required, a timber of suitable size might be inserted as a bridge, from one column to another, & on that a timber running parallel with the present beams might rest, & be inserted in the wall at the other end. This would make the floors far stiffer & stronger, than at present. The cost of this operation as nearly as it previously ascertained, would be as follows.

For the Franklin School. Removing the present floors & trusses ..... $ 50.
Eight iron columns 160.
Framing new floors, labor & stuff for floors & lining 300.
New seats and forms 452.
$ 962.

For the High School. Removing the present floors &c. $50.
14 iron columns 280.
Framing new floors. Labor-Materials for floors & linings 300.
New seats & forms 400.
$1030.

It must be observed that no alterations are recommended in the Eliot & African Schools. This arises from the belief of the committee that in the former the accommodations are sufficient for the comparatively small number of children who are taught in it, & that in the latter no alterations can be made which will render it a suitable place for the instruction of the unfortunate class of pupils who attend. There is Nothing short of removal to another situation, & another building can remedy the great evils of its construction & location.

The committee in conclusion, beg leave respectfully to report the following order.

For the committee,
Sam'l A. Eliot.

Ordered, that an application be made by this board to the City Council, for an appropriation of thirty three hundred & fifty dollars, to be expended, under the direction of the School committee in such repairs and alterations as have been referred to in this and a preceding report.

High School	$1030.
Franklin "	962.
Latin "	100.
Grammar "	1239.
	$3331.

Read, accepted, & the order passed.

Mayhew School

The Sub committee of the Mayhew School, made a report of a statement of facts respecting certain occurrences which took place between the masters of said school, on the 1st. instant—

Read, and thereupon

Ordered, that the grammar master & the writing master of the Mayhew School be notified to appear before the School committee on friday next, at half past, three o'clock, P. M. to answer to charges made against them for improper conduct in said School.

Meeting — Secret sessions.

Ordered, that the public good requires, that the next meeting of this board be private; but that the parties interested in the hearing be permitted to summon such witnesses as they may deem expedient. —

Adjourned to friday next, 3½ o'clock, P. M.

Attest,
E. Sh. McCleary,
Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, at City Hall, on friday, the 29th. day of March, Anno Domini, 1833.

Present—

Honble Charles Wells, Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen—Farnam, Binney, Ellis, Wetmore, & Fales,

Messieurs—Croswell, Hollis, Blagden, McKean, Williams, Clark, Eliot, Gould, Grigg, Fairbanks, Knapp and Child.

Mayhew School.

Agreeably to assignment, the board took into consideration the report of the Sub committee of the Mayhew School, made at the last meeting. The statement of facts reported by the committee are as follows viz:—

"On friday, March 1st. about 11 o'Clock, a lad named Wiley of the 1st. class, who attended that morning in the grammar department, came into Mr. Callender's room, & staled to him that the pupils then in the grammar department, wished to attend in his department from 12 to 2 o'Clock on that day, instead of the usual hours in the afternoon, on account of the inclemency of the weather. Mr. Callender having some time previous promised to gratify the wishes of the boys in this respect, assented to the arrangement, although for some reasons it was inconvenient to him on this day.

At 12 o'Clock, the boys in the writing department were dismissed the outer door was locked & the key carried to Mr. Callender; & a boy was stationed in the entry to direct the boys to go in, as they came down stairs from the grammar department. Immediately after one of the classes had been dismissed from the grammar department, the usher of that department hearing an unusual noise in the entry went the head of the stairs, & being told that the door was locked, & the boys ordered to go into Mr. Callender's room, he directed those remaining in the entry to return to the grammar department. They were there asked by Mr. Clough whether they preferred going home, or attending in the writing department until 2 o'Clock. The large boys almost unanimously preferred the latter; but about one third of the lower classes expressed a preference to go home. The boys were then told that they might act according to their wishes, & were dismissed. Mr. Clough went to the head of the stairs & told the boy who had been stationed at the outer door, that he wished it to be opened. The boy went into the writing room & mentioned Mr. Clough's wish. Mr. Callender gave him the keys, but soon followed him to the door, relock them & opened it himself; several boys went out. Mr. Callender again locked the door & returned with the key to his room. Mr. Clough then came down into the writing department & said with some warmth to Mr. Callender, I want the keys, my boys wish to go out. Mr. Callender replied; if you wish to go out I will open the door, but I want the boys to come into my room. Mr. Callender proceeded to the door, followed by Mr. Clough who in a loud tone said, I demand to have the door opened. Mr. Callender replied; I shall not be ordered to open it, & was about returning to his room, when he was seized by the collar of his coat by Mr. Clough. A slight scuffle & some high words ensued.

Mr.

Mr Callender went into his own room. Mr Clough then sent for an axe, & removed the catch of the lock on the outer door; some of the boys then went out to go home; others went into the writing room. Mr. Callender soon after opened the door of his room, when another altercation ensued, Mr. Clough then said, "come out here if you dare" or "I dare you to come out" Mr Callender went to his room, and Mr. Clough went up stairs."

Messrs Clough and Callender appeared before the board agreeably to notice; and were heard, they admitted the above statement to be substantially correct, and after discussion and mature deliberation, it was

Voted, That the grammar and writing masters of the Mayhew School be reprimanded by the Chairman of the board, in terms which shall express strong disapprobation of their conduct on March 1. 1833.

The meeting was then adjourned to the next quarterly meeting, on the second tuesday in May next.

Attest

E. M. Cleary

Secretary

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's rooms City Hall, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of May, Anno Domini, 1833.

Present—

Hon.ble Charles Wells, Mayor, Chairman

Alderman Revere. Messrs Hollis, Blagden, McKean, Williams, Clark, Gould, Grigg, Fairbanks, Knapp and Child.

2d. reports. Quarterly reports were made by the sub committees of the several Schools, which were severally read and accepted.

African Sch. Voted, that twenty five dollars be appropriated for the purchase of books for indigent Scholars in the African School.

pupils not qualified. Ordered, that hereafter children over the age of eight years who are not qualified by their attainments, shall be admitted into our grammar schools— provided, that they, their parents, or guardians shall first obtain permission of sub committees of the Schools where it is proposed they shall be admitted.

Primary Sch: propositn to. A motion was made that pupils may be admitted & continued in the primary schools, after they shall have reached the age of eight years, leaving it to the discretion of the committees of those schools—

Which motion was referred to the standing committee & appointed to confer with the primary school committee, for the purpose of proposing the same, for the consideration of said committee.

Boy admitt to Franklin Sch. Voted, that Josiah Foy, be admitted as a pupil of the Franklin School, notwithstanding, he is above the age of fourteen years.

Miles Petition of S. P. Miles, master of the English High School, praying, that instead of the first two weeks in June, he may be permitted to take the last week in May, and the first in June, as a vacation—

Read, and thereupon ordered, that the rules and regulations of this board be so far suspended, as to to grant the prayer of said petition, for the present year.

Croswell Memorial of W. Croswell, respecting his services in preparing a catalogue of the Library of Harvard College, many years since and stating his claim upon that Corporation now due him, and praying some aid from this board, on account of his indigent circumstances— Read & thereupon ordered, that the same be indefinitely postponed, this board having no authority to grant money in like cases.

Ordered, that Messrs Eliot, Clark & Williams,

Eng. Gram. Sch. be a committee to visit the English grammar schools & critically examine the pupils in all the branches taught therein, in order to ascertain the condition of the Schools, and to report previously to the annual election of the instructors, that the appointments of the board on that occasion may be judiciously made.

Writing Sch. Ordered, that Messrs Child, Fairbanks & Fales, be a committee to examine the writing schools, & critically examine the pupils in all the branches taught therein, in order to ascertain the condition of the Schools, and to report previously to the annual election of the instructors, that the appointments of the board on that occasion may be judiciously made.

Franklin Sch. house The Chairman communicated an order of the board of Aldermen appointing Aldermen Ellis & Fales, with such as may be appointed on the part of this board, a committee to make alterations in the Franklin School house, agreeably to the report of the committee — Ordered, that Mr. Knapp be added to said committee.

Eng. high Sch. The Chairman also communicated an order of the board of Aldermen appointing ~~the~~ the Mayor & Alderman Binney, with such as may be appointed on the part of this board, a committee to make alterations in the English High School house, agreeably to the report of the committee — Ordered, that Mr. Clark be added to said committee.

The meeting was then adjourned until the next regular quarterly meeting.

Attest,
E. M. Cleary.
Secretary.

At a special meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on Thursday, the twentieth day of June, A.D. 1833.

Present -

Honble Charles Wells, Mayor, Chairman
Aldermen, Binney, Tales and Revere.
Messrs Hollis, McKean, Williams, Gould, Fairbanks, Knapp and Child.

Vacation

In consequence of the visit of the President of the United States to this City, it was voted, that a vacancy in the several Schools be had from eleven o'clock tomorrow forenoon, until Tuesday morning next.

The meeting was then adjourned until the next regular quarterly meeting.

Attest,
S. M. Cleary,
Secretary.

At a special meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on Tuesday, the ninth day of July, A.D. 1833.

Present.

Honble Charles Wells, Mayor, Chairman
Aldermen Ellis, Tales and Fiske, and Messrs Croswell, Hollis, McKean, Williams, Clark, Eliot and Knapp.

School houses

The committee who were required "to examine the structure & location of the several School houses, & to report to this board, from time to time such alterations as may appear to them expedient & practicable" reported, as on file, concluding with the following order, viz:

Ordered, that the sub committee of each School, be required, as soon as an appropriation for the purpose can be obtained from the City Council, to provide in their several Schools, inside blinds and glass ink stands, where they are now wanting; to cause the fences to be painted, if not already done, the yards to be fenced, and the out houses to be properly divided; & that the sub committees of the Eliot, Hancock, Mayhew and Bowdoin Schools be instructed to procure the streets in the vicinity of their several Schools to be macadamized as soon as practicable.

Read and accepted.

School houses

Voted, that Messrs Eliot, Gould and Wetmore, be joined to the several sub committees of the schools to make the alterations in the School houses agreeably to the report of the committee on that subject

Franklin School

Voted, that the subject of the form of the seats ~~be~~ and forms ~~re-committed~~ in the Franklin School house, be re-committed; and that Messrs Eliot, Gould and Wetmore be added, to adopt such measures in relation to the same, as they may deem expedient, with full power.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest

E. M. Cleary.

Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room (City Hall) on Tuesday the thirteenth day of August, Anno Domini, 1833.

Present.

Mon.le Charles Wells, Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen – Farnam, Binney, Ellis, and Wetmore.

Messrs – Croswell, Hollis, Blagden, McKean, Williams, Clark, Eliot, Gould, Grigg, Fairbanks, Knapp and Child.

Semi annual returns

Semi annual returns were received from the masters of the following schools viz.t Eliot, Hancock, Mayhew, Boylston, Franklin, Hawes and African.

Voted, that the Secretary write to the masters of the Adams and Bowdoin schools to make their returns.

Quarterly repts

Quarterly reports were made by the sub committee of all the Schools, which were read and all accepted.

Grammar Schools

The sub committee appointed to visit the grammar schools, and critically examine the pupils in all the branches taught therein made a report which was read and accepted.

Writing Schools

The sub committee appointed to visit the writing schools & critically examine the pupils in writing and arithmatic, made a

report, which was read and accepted.

Salaries of masters &c

Voted, That the salaries of all the masters & instructers of the several schools be the same as they were the past year, payable quarterly.

Masters chosen

The board proceeded by ballot to the appointment of masters of the several schools, and the votes being taken, it appeared that the following were chosen - viz:

Charles K. Dillaway, Latin School.
Solomon P. Miles, English High School.

Eliot - Cornelius Walker, grammar master - Levi Conant - writing master.
Hancock - Barnum Field do. Peter Mackintosh jr. do.
Mayhew - William Clough do. Benjamin Callender do.
Brwdoin - Abraham Andrews do. James Robinson do.
Boylston - Charles Fox do. Abel Wheeler do.
Adams - Samuel Barrett do. David B. Tower do.
Franklin - Richard G. Parker do. Otis Pierce do.
Hawes - Moses W. Walker - master - and African
William Bascom - master.

Clough's

Voted, that Messrs Farnam, Fairbanks, Grigg, Child & Eliot be a comee whose duty it shall be to effect an arrangement by which Mr Wm Clough shall leave the Mayhew School, & another of the grammar masters be put in his place; & to report to this board their doings.

Exhibitions Comees

Voted, that the several committees to attend the exhibitions of the Schools, on the next anniversary, be nominated & appointed by the Chairman, and that the Secretary give each individual notice of his appointment.

School Blossom St.

Ordered, that Messrs Williams, Binney and McKean, be a comee to consider and report, what pupils shall be permitted to attend the new School house now being erected on Blossom street.

Eng. high & Franklin Sch. vacation

Voted, that the vacation be extended one week in addition to that now established in the English High School, & Franklin School, in consequence of the repairs and alterations which are necessary to be made in those Schools.

Writing Sch.

Memorial of the Masters of the writing Schools respecting their salaries, was indefinitely postponed.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to tuesday next, four o'clock, p.m. at this place.

Adjourned to that time & place accordingly.

Attest:
E. M. McCleary, Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on tuesday, the twentieth day of August, Anno Domini, 1833.

Present.

Honble Charles Wells, Mayor, Chairman.
Aldermen Farnam, Binney, Wetmore, Hales, Revere and Fiske.
Messieurs Creswell, Hollis, Blagden, McKean, Williams, Clark, Gould, Grigg, Fairbanks, Knapp and Child.

Semi annual returns.

Semi annual returns were received from the Bowdoin and Adams Schools.

Ordered, that the Secretary write to the masters of the Latin and English High Schools, to make their semi annual returns, agreably to the rules.

Mayhew sch.

The committee appointed to make an arrangement for the transfer of the master of the grammar ~~school~~ department of the Mayhew School, requested further time to make their report.

Clough

A motion was made, that Mr. Clough be notified, that his services are no longer required, as grammar master of the Mayhew School. Which after discussion, the further consideration of the subject was referred to the next meeting of this board.

Jaquith

Petition of Moses Jaquith, praying, that his son may be permitted to attend the writing department of the Mayhew School only. Read and thereupon ordered, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Ushers & Teachers.

The following persons were nominated by the sub committees of the several schools, and they were accordingly appointed to the respective offices hereafter named vizt.

Latin School — Sebastian F. Streeter — Sub master. Francis Gardner, Jr. and Norton Thayer — Ushers.

English High School — Thomas Sherwin, Sub master — Erastus W. Thayer, Usher — Francis M. J. Surault, Teacher of French.

The election of instructer in writing in the Latin & English High School was postponed to the next meeting.

Elliot School — Horace Gleason, Usher of the ~~writing~~ grammar department, and Jacob H. Kent, Usher of the writing department.

Mayhew School — Thomas P. Ryder, Usher of the writing department. The usher in the grammar department declined a re-election.

Boylston School — Baman Stone — Usher —

Adams School — George Tower, Usher, Mr Kent, Field & Chandler, apistant teachers.

Franklin School — Abner Forbes — usher

Hancock School — Sarah C. Horton, Susan G. Shute, Adeline Howe, Harriet Harman, Marianne Mackintosh & Mary Ann Pierce apistant Teachers.

Bowdoin School — Iffa M. Gray, Mary A. Murdock, Elizabeth Lincoln, Chastine Lincoln, Francis M. Robinson and Lydia A. Drew apistant teachers.

Boylston School — Elizabeth Field, Matilda Oliver, and E. A. F. Fitzpatrick, apistant teachers.

Franklin School — Hannah Forbes, Rebecca Barry and Abby Ann Curtis apistant teachers.

New School House.

The committee to whom was referred the subject to what purpose the School house now building on Bloson street should be appropriated, reported, that they have devoted all the attention in their power to the subject with a view to ascertain the opinions of the citizens interested and to arrive at a wise result, & that they are of opinion, that the house should be fitted, and prepared to be occupied for children of both sexes.

Read and accepted

Allen

Application of the Master of the Boylston School in behalf of Mr. Allen, who requests that his son may continue a member of said School, altho' he is now fourteen years of age —

Referred, to the Sub committee of that School with full power to grant the same. —

Voted, that this meeting stand adjourned to meet at this place, on tuesday, the third day of September next, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Adjourned to that time and place accordingly.

Attest.

E. M. Cleary.

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor & Aldermen's room, City Hall, on tuesday, the third day of September, A. D. 1833.

Present

Honble Charles Wells, Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen Farnam, Binney, Ellis, Belmore and Fiske.

Messieurs Croswell, Hollis, McKean, Williams, Clark, Eliot, Gould, Fairbanks, Knapp and Child.

Writing mas. Latin & Eng. Sch.

The board proceeded by ballot to the choice of teachers of writing in the Latin and English High Schools, and the votes being taken it appeared, that the whole number was 13.

Necessary for a choice 7.

Jonathan Snelling, had 10

And he was chosen.

Wright

Petition of William Wright, that his son may be examined for admission at the Latin School, notwithstanding he was not offered within the two days next succeeding the annual exhibition. — Read and thereupon ordered, that the rule respecting the admission of pupils at the Latin and English High Schools, be so far suspended this year, that pupils may be admitted to either of said Schools, who shall be offered and found to be qualified, at any time before the commencement of the next term.

African Sch.

M^r. Child offered the following vote and moved that the same be adopted, viz:

"Voted, that it is expedient and proper to provide a building, at the expense of the City, for the use of the African School, and that the Chairman be instructed to apply to the City Council, for an appropriation for that object."

Read and referred to M^ssrs. Child, Binney, and Fairbanks, to consider and report.

Mayhew Schol.

The committee to whom was referred the vote, "to effect an arrangement, by which M^r. William Clough shall leave the Mayhew School, and another of the grammar masters be put in his place" have made some investigation of the subject, & ask leave to report — That they have not been able to make any arrangement by which M^r. William Clough shall leave the Mayhew School. The committee ask leave to be discharged — For the com^tee.

Henry Farnam.

Read, accepted, & ordered accordingly.

Clough. The board took into consideration the following motion which was offered at the last meeting, viz:-

"That Mr. Clough be notified that his services are no longer required as grammar master of the Mayhew School."

Which after discussion, and the yeas and nays being required, were taken as follows, viz:-

Yeas Nays. Yeas - Messrs. Clark, Eliot, Fairbanks, Fiske, Gould, Wetmore & Williams. 7.
Nays - Messrs. Binney, Child, Croswell, Ellis, Farnam, Hollis, Knapp & McKean 8.

So said motion did not prevail.

Eng. high Sch. Franklin Sch. Voted, That the several sub committees of the English High School, and the Franklin School be authorized to extend the vacations in said schools, for a few days in addition to that heretofore voted, if it be found expedient, for the purpose of completing the repairs on those School houses. —

The meeting was then adjourned, without day.

Attest
E. M. Cleary,
Secretary.

Usher of Mayhew Sch. ✧ Joseph Tillson was nominated by the sub committee of the Mayhew School, usher of the grammar department of that school. Which was confirmed, & he was appointed accordingly.

This should have been entered above.

Attest
E. M. Cleary,
Secretary.

Sch. masters. † Voted, That the Secretary advertize, that applications for the offices of a grammar master and a writing master, of one of the public schools, in this City, will be received, at the Mayor's room, until the first day of October next.

This also should have been entered above.

Attest
E. M. Cleary,
Secretary.

At a special meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on Friday, the fourth day of October, Anno Domini 1833.

Present.

Hon.ble Charles Wells, Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen – Farnam, Binney, Ellis, Wetmore, Fales and Revere.

Messieurs – Hollis, Blagden, McKean, Clark, Eliot, Gould, Grigg, Fairbanks, Knapp and Child.

Sub com.ee New School

The Mayor, Mess.rs Williams and McKean were nominated and appointed sub committee of the new school at the corner of Blossom and McLean streets.

New School forms & benches

Voted, that the sub committee of the new School, together with the committee appointed to make the repairs and alterations in the school houses, be instructed to determine what seats and forms shall be placed in said School house.

Eng. High Sch.

The Mayor in behalf of the committee appointed to make repairs and alterations in the English High School, reported, that the alterations have been made, agreeably to the vote of the board, and that the School commenced the 16th ultimo.

Franklin Sch.

Mr. Ellis in behalf of the committee appointed to make repairs and alterations in the Franklin School house reported for the information of the board, that they had caused the alterations to be made, agreeably to the authority and instructions given them, and that the School was opened on the 26th ultimo.

Girls schools exhibitions

Voted, that the Chairman designate and appoint the ~~sub~~ committees to attend the exhibitions of the several Girls schools, and that he cause each individual to be notified of his appointment.

vacation

Voted, that there be a vacation of the several boys schools on the day of the exhibition of the girls schools.

Females to be excused from attend. sch.

Voted, that the sub committees of the several schools, where females attend, be authorized to ~~[illegible]~~ excuse such girls of the first class, as they may deem expedient from attending school the day after the exhibition.

Masters of Schools

The several applications for masters of the grammar, and writing schools, with their credentials being read –

Masters chosen

Voted to proceed to the election of a grammar master, and the votes being taken, it appeared that David B. Tower was chosen.

Voted to proceed to the choice of a writing master, & the votes being taken it appeared that Aaron Davis Capen was chosen.

Voted to proceed to the election of a writing master & the votes being taken, it appeared that Josiah Fairbank was chosen.

Appⁿ to be transf.

The several applications of Cornelius Walker, grammar master and Levi Conant of the writing master of the Eliot School and Benjamin Callender, writing master of the Mayhew School, all praying to be transferred to the new School, were read.

Masters transferred & located

Voted. That Cornelius Walker, grammar master be transferred to the new school; and Benjamin Callender, writing master be transferred to said school. David B. Tower, elected grammar master be transferred to the Eliot School. and Josiah Fairbank, elected writing master, be transferred to the Adams School, and Aaron Davis Capen, elected writing master be transferred to the Mayhew School, and that this arrangement take place when the new school house shall be ready for pupils, and in the mean time that the several instructers above chosen and transferred remain in their respective schools in their present situations.

Rule recind. Hawes Sch.

Voted. That the 8th article of the 1st Chapter of the rules and orders of this board, be so far recinded, as that the salary of the master of the Hawes School, from and after the first day of January next, be at the rate of twelve hundred dollars per annum.

Woodson agt. Master of African Sch.

Petition of Joseph Woodson, & others, colored citizens making charges against William Bascom, master of the African School, as mentioned in their petition, & praying, that this board would take the same into consideration, & provide such further security for the moral purity & mental improvement of the colored children and youth as may be deemed expedient and proper. Read and committed to Messrs Child, Gould and Blagden, to consider and report.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to meet at this place on Friday next, four o'Clock, P. M.

Adjourned to that time & place accordingly.

Attest

E. M. McCleary.

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on friday, the eleventh day of October, A.D. 1833.

Present

Hon.ble Charles Wells, Mayor, Chairman.
Alderman Tales. Mess.rs Hollis, McKean, Clark, Grigg, Fairbanks, Knapp and Child.

A quorum of the board not being present, the meeting was adjourned to tuesday next, 4 o'Clock, p. m.

Attest,
L. F. McCleary,
Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor & Aldermen's room, City Hall, on tuesday, the fifteenth day of October, A.D. 1833.

Present

Hon.ble Charles Wells, Mayor, Chairman.
Aldermen Farnam, Welmore and Fiske. Mess.rs Croswell, Hollis, Blagden, McKean, Williams, Eliot, Grigg, Fairbanks, Knapp & Child.

Exhibition of Girls Schools Com.ees

The Chairman reported, that he had divided the committee to attend the Exhibition of the girls schools as follows viz.t

Hancock School. Mayor, Rev. Mr. Blagden, Alderman, Welmore, and Mr. Hollis.
Bowdoin " Mess.rs Williams, Eliot, Binney & McKean.

Boylston " Mess.rs Gould, Croswell, and Farnam.
Adams " Mess.rs Clark, Grigg, and Fairbanks.
Franklin " Mess.rs Knapp, Tales, and Fiske.
Hawes " Mess.rs Child, Ellis and Revere.
African " Mess.rs McKean, Blagden and Grigg.

Voted, that the hour of exhibition in all the Schools be ten o'clock, except the African School, which shall be at half past eight in the forenoon.

Mulkey

Voted, that Mess.rs Blagden, Eliot, Grigg, Knapp & Clark, be a committee to consider and report upon the subject of Mr. Mulkey's proposition to teach pronunciation, by means of a chart, and lecturing in the several grammar schools.

Woodson

Messrs. Wetmore and Croswell were added to the committee on the petition of Joseph Woodson and others.

Gleason

Petition of Horace Gleason, Usher of the grammar department of the Eliot School, to be transferred to the new School, was read.

Usher of new Sch.

Franklin Forbes was nominated and appointed Usher of the New School.

African School.

The committee on the subject of the African School House, have attended to the subject, and respectfully report.— The African School in Boston, was commenced by the people of colour, in the year 1798, a license for that purpose having been first obtained from the Selectmen of the town. It was kept in the house of Mr. Primus Hall, & was supported by subscription, the prevalence of the yellow fever in that year dispersed it.

The late Revd Dr. Morse of Charlestown, the Rev. President Kirkland, & the Rev. Doctors Channing & Lowell, & the late Rev. Mr. Emerson revived it about three years afterwards. For two years, those & some other gentlemen whose names are unknown to the committee provided for the entire support of the same school, & the coloured children were instructed therein gratuitously. At the expiration of that time the contributors proposed that they would continue to furnish a teacher if the coloured Inhabitants would provide a room. They acceded to the proposal & hired a carpenters shop situated contiguous to the present school house & fitted & furnished it for a school room. Here the school was continued during three years. Meantime the site of the present school house & meeting house was purchased, & the purchase money raised by subscription. On behalf of the school the coloured Inhabitants subscribed a considerable sum, & the late Chief Justice Parsons, the late Abiel Smith, Lieut. Gov. Phillips, & seven other gentlemen subscribed one hundred dollars each. The African Baptist Church erected the house of which the basement story is now occupied in part by the School. There appears to have been a verbal agreement that the whole of that story should be appropriated for a school room, for the coloured youth of Boston, of all religious denominations; and it also appears that Judge Parsons, & other gentlemen made that a condition of their donations. Some difficulty appears to have arisen in finally adjusting the respective rights of the Church & School, which was terminated by a committee of the latter consenting to accept a part of the basement story for a school room. The remainder was leased for dwelling houses, & the rents devoted to the support in part of the ministry in said Church.

It remained for the coloured Inhabitants to finish the interior of the School room. This they did by subscription; about two hundred dollars appears to have been subscribed, but much of it being subscribed by coloured seamen, & the embargo coming

on, only ninety eight dollars were in effect collected. The whole expense was about three hundred dollars, & the deficiency of about two hundred appears to have been made up by the committee of the Coloured Inhabitants viz: Messrs. Primus Hall, Fortune Symmes and Cyprus Vassall, Viz: & the Barbadors generously contributed the labor of lathing & plastering. In 1808, the room was completed & was immediately occupied by the School. The Rev. gentlemen aforenamed continued to defray the expenses of instruction, assisted by the voluntary contributions of those coloured parents who were able until the year 1812. In that year, the town for the first time took notice of the institution. The sum of two hundred dollars was then paid from the town treasury, & the same sum continued to be paid annually from the same, for a number of years. At the same time the coloured people raised the sum of three hundred dollars annually, for the same object.

Upon the death of the late Abial Smith, Esq. in the year 1815, the City assumed the entire care & support of the School. The only expenses which the City has paid for the school room has been for repairs, but this has been less than the income from Mr. Smith's truly charitable bequest.

The situation of the room is low & confined. It is hot & stifled in summer & cold in winter. But this is not the only or greatest objection to it. The obvious contrast between the accommodations of the coloured & other children, both as to convenience & healthfulness seems to your committee to be the principal cause of the School being so thinly attended. The committee cannot but regard this distinction both as invidious & unjust. If it be desirable to educate youth & form within them such rules of life as may save the expense & disgrace of prison discipline, when they become men, then it is peculiarly the duty of the City to provide fully for the instruction of the children of colour. If any distinction be made between them, & them, it ought to be in their favour & not against them; for their parents are precluded by custom & prejudice from those lucrative employments which enable whites, to be liberal & public spirited. When it is considered that during all the time that the coloured inhabitants have been paying their proportion of taxes towards the education of all the white ~~population~~ children & youths in the City the wonder will be that they did so much, not that they did not do more for themselves.

The committee are therefore of opinion, that it is just & expedient that a suitable building be forthwith provided, at the expense of the City, to be placed in a healthy & pleasant situation, for the accomodation of the African School, & that the Honorable Chairman of the School Committee be instructed to make a request to the City Council, to that effect. All which is respectfully submitted.

D. L. Child

J. Binney.

S. Fairbanks.

The foregoing report was read & accepted. Adjourned. Attest, S. F. McCleary, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on Tuesday, the twenty ninth day of October, Anno Domini, 1833.

Present.

Honble Charles Wells, Mayor, Chairman.
Aldermen—Farnam, Binney, Wetmore, Tales and Fiske.
Messrs— Croswell, Blagden, Williams, Eliot, Fairbanks, Knapp and Child.

Mulkey accent & pronunciation of the English Language

The committee appointed to ~~examine~~ consider the expediency of employing the Rev. Mr. Mulkey, to lecture to the teachers of the several public schools in Boston, on the subject of the accent & pronunciation of the English language, beg leave to report:—

That having in two appointed interviews with Mr. Mulkey, attended to the explanation of his system, and also witnessed its effects in practice, as exhibited in the progress manifested by a few children, who had been under his instruction for a very short time, they are of the opinion that it will be expedient and proper to employ him to deliver a course of lectures to the teachers of the Schools, on the important subject of English Orthoëpy. A subject not generally understood by our teachers, and which he has reduced, in his system of instruction, to a very simple and interesting process.

Your committee would therefore recommend, that the board do, by their Chairman, respectfully ask the City Council for an appropriation sufficient to carry this design into execution.

In behalf of the committee.
G.W. Blagden, Chairman.
Read and accepted.

Mayhew School — Usher resigns & another appd.

The sub committee of the Mayhew School respectfully report, that they have received a communication from Thomas P. Ryder, Usher in the writing department of the Mayhew School, under the date of the 19th October, 1833, stating that he shall resign the situation he now holds in that School, at the close of the present month. The committee have notified Mr. Ryder that his resignation will be accepted, and they now recommend to the School committee Mr. John Alexander Harris to receive the appointment of Usher in the writing department of the Mayhew School. Which is submitted— J. Binney
William Croswell } Committee.

Read & accepted, and the above nomination was confirmed, and the above named Harris was appointed accordingly.

Rules of the board

Alderman Wetmore submitted the following motion for the consideration of the board viz. That this board will not in future hear any motion to alter any of its rules, unless the subject be stated in the notification of the meeting. And also that none of its rules shall be repealed or altered except by a vote of a majority of the whole board.

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The further consideration of the foregoing report was postponed to the next meeting, and that the subject be stated in the notifications for the meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,
E. M. Cleary,
Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room City Hall, on tuesday the twelfth day of November, A. D. 1833. -

Present -

Honble Charles Wells, , Mayor, Chairman -
Aldermen Ellis, Wetmore, Inman, Yates Revere and Fiske.
Mesprs - Hollis, Blagden, M. Kean, Eliot, Gould, Fairbanks & Child.

Quarterly Repts. Quarterly reports were made by the sub committees of the several schools, which were read and all accepted.

Wells School. Voted, that Messrs. Fairbanks, Eliot & Gould, be a committee to consider and report a name for the new School house on McLean and Blossom streets. Said committee afterwards reported, that said School be called the Wells School. -

Teachers Misses Mary S. Robinson, Matilda Gerry and Caroline A. Reed were nominated and appointed instanders of the Wells School.

Multkey The ~~committee~~ Chairman of the School committee reported, that in acordance with the direction of this committee he had availed himself of the first meeting of the Common Council to ask for an appropriation to defray the expense of a course of lectures proposed to be given by the Rev. Mr. Multkey on Orthoepy before the teachers of the public Schools. That he has been informed that the order had one reading in that branch of the government, & what its final result will be, he is unable to determine.

Thereupon ordered, that Messrs. Eliot, McKean & Grigg be a committee to superintend said lectures provided the appropriation shall be made by the City Council.

African School

The committee appointed by the board to examine into certain charges brought against the teacher of the African School, in this City, beg leave to report.

That with reference to the charge of improper familiarities with several of the female pupils in the School, no evidence was brought of any later date than two years since; and that evidence was offered principally by three females, each of whom were declared, by other witnesses who appeared before your committee to be of bad character. Your committee therefore report that the specifications under this charge have not been substantiated.

They report, further; — That the other charges against said Teacher of criminal neglect of the School, and want of interest in its welfare, were such as the sub committee of the School are more competent to consider and decide upon; and your committee accordingly recommend that the subject be referred to their special attention.

In behalf of the committee.
G.W. Blagden.

Read and accepted, and thereupon ordered, that the subject of the criminal neglect of said School be referred to the sub committee of that School, to consider and report.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,
E.M. Cleary,
Secretary.

Agreeably to appointment the board took into consideration the proposition of adopting a new rule, and the same was passed in the words following viz:

Rules

That this board will not in future hear any motion to alter any of its rules, unless the subject be stated in the notification of the meeting. And also that none of its rules shall be revoked or altered except by a vote of a majority of the whole board.

The above vote was adopted at the above meeting & should have been recorded as above.

Attest,
E.M. Cleary, Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor & Aldermen's room, City Hall, on Thursday, the twelfth day of December, A.D. 1833.

Present.

Hon. Charles Wells, Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen - Farnum, Wetmore, Tales and Revere - Messrs. Hollis, McKean, Williams, Eliot, Grigg, Fairbanks, Knapp and Child.

Wells Sch. Hancock - Ordered, that Caroline A. Reed, instructress of the Wells School be transferred to the Hancock school.

Wells Sch. Eliza C. Hayden was nominated & appointed Instructress of the Wells School.

Eliot Sch. Ordered, that the sub committee of the Adams school be instructed to request Mr. David B. Tower to take charge of the Eliot School tomorrow morning.

Fisk's gram: & exercises Greek Ordered, that the subject of introducing into the Latin School Fisk's exercises and Greek grammar be referred to the committee on books, to consider and report.

Franklin Sch. Mr. Knapp gave notice that he should at the next meeting, move to suspend the rules so far as to permit the masters of the Franklin school to have but one session a day, during the time employed to repair that School house, commencing at 9 o'Clock and continuing until two.

Secretary's Sa. Ordered, that there be paid to Samuel F. McCleary, Secretary of this board the sum of one hundred dollars for his services in that capacity for the present year.

Chairman thanks to Resolved unanimously, that the thanks of this board be presented to the Hon. Charles Wells, for the very acceptable manner he has presided over their deliberations and performed the other duties appertaining to the office of Chairman of the School committee.

The board was then adjourned

Attest.

S. F. McCleary, Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on tuesday, the seventh day of January, Anno Domini, 1834.

The following gentlemen compose the School committee the present year.

Theodore Lyman, Junr. Mayor

Aldermen

Thomas Wetmore	Jabez Ellis
Charles Leighton	Samuel Fales
Samuel A. Eliot	Josiah Dunham
	Nathan Gurney

From the Wards.

Ward No. 1.	Justin Field	4	Ward No. 7.	J. G. Stevenson	11
" " 2.	William Dyer	2	" " 8.	George Ripley	6
" " 3.	Ezra Palmer jr.	9	" " 9.	William Grigg	6
" " 4.	Jeremiah Fitch	5	" " 10.	Stephen Fairbanks	3
" " 5.	Henry Williams	12	" " 11.	John Knapp	7
" " 6.	Joel H. Linsley	8	" " 12.	John L. Blake	6

* declined serving Frederick Emerson was chosen in his stead.

All the above appeared, and took their seats except Messrs. Fales and Stevenson.

Chairman — The meeting was called to order by the Mayor, voted, to proceed to the choice of a Chairman by ballot, and the votes being taken, it appeared that the Mayor, Theodore Lyman, Junr. was unanimously chosen.

Secretary — Voted, to proceed to the choice of a Secretary, by ballot, and the votes being taken, it appeared that Samuel F. McCleary was chosen.

Rules &c. — Voted, that the rules & regulations of the last year be adopted until the further order of this board.

Comtees — Voted, that all committees be nominated by the Chairman, unless expressly otherwise ordered.

Rules &c. — Voted, that the rules and regulations of this board be referred to Messrs. Fairbanks, Knapp and Linsley, with instruction to report a revision of the same if required.

Clough — Memorial of William Clough, grammar master of the Mayhew School, commenting upon the School System, and requesting leave to resign his situation, at the end of the present quarter. Read & laid on the Table.

Sub-or visiting Committees

Sub com^ees

Latin. Messrs The Mayor
Linsley
Williams
Ellis
Ripley

Latin. Messrs Palmer
Fales
~~Stevenson~~ Emerson
Wetmore
Eliot.
Greele

English High. The Mayor
Messrs Fairbanks
Grigg
Field
Knapp
Blake

English High. Messrs Leighton
Dyer
Dunham
Fitch
Gurney.

Eliot. Messrs Field
Gurney
Dyer.

Hancock. Messrs Dyer
~~Wetmore~~ Greele
Fitch

Mayhew. Messrs Palmer
Wetmore
Field

Bowdoin. Messrs ~~Stevenson~~ Emerson
Eliot
Palmer.

Wells. Messrs Williams
Leighton
Linsley.

Boylston. Messrs Grigg
Gurney
Ripley.

Adams. Messrs Fairbanks
Fales
Ripley.

Franklin. Messrs Knapp
Ellis
Blake.

Hawes. Messrs Blake
Dunham
Knapp

African. Messrs ~~Ripley~~
Linsley
Williams
Emerson.

Books com^ee

Ordered, that Messrs Ripley, Grigg, Knapp, Dyer and Blake, be a standing committee on books.

Primary sch^l

Ordered, that Messrs Grigg, ~~Stevenson~~ Emerson, and Eliot be a standing committee to confer with the primary school committee.

Clough

Ordered, that the Chairman of this committee be authorized to notify Mr. William Clough, Master of the Mayhew School, that his services will not be required after Monday next.

Salary of Mr. Clough

Voted, That Mr. Clough grammar master of the Mayhew School be allowed his salary to the first day of April next, and that the Chairman be requested to give him notice of the same.

Grammar master

Voted, That the Secretary advertize that applications will be received for the office of grammar master of the Mayhew School; until ~~Thursday next~~ Tuesday next.

Fisk's Greek gram.

Voted, That all classes in the Latin School hereafter commencing the study of Greek be required to use Fisk's greek grammar Exercises and that all now engaged in that study be permitted to use said exercises.

Usher of Eliot Sch.

Communication from the Sub committee of the Eliot School of the last year, respecting the services of Mr. Gleason usher of that School, in the absence of the Master. Referred to the Sub committee of that School, to consider and report.

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned to meet at this place on tuesday next, 4 o'Clock, P. M.

Adjourned to that time and place accordingly.

Attest,

E. F. McCleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor & Aldermen's room, City Hall, on tuesday, the fourteenth day of January, A.D. 1834.

Present.

The Chairman and the whole committee.

Sub com^e. new member.

Alderman Samuel Greele, who was chosen in place of James Savage, Esq. who declined serving — and Frederick Emerson, Esq. who was chosen in place of Doctor Stevenson forward severally appeared and took their seats.

New members Sub com^e

Mr. Greele was appointed on the sub committee of the Latin School, instead of Doctor Stevenson — Also on the Eliot School instead of Mr. Wilmot. Also on the Boylston School instead of Mr. Gurney.

Mr. Emerson was appointed on the Sub committee of the Bowdoin School instead of Doctor Stevenson. Also on the African School instead of Mr. Ripley. Also on ye com^e to confer with the primary School com^e in place of Dr. Stevenson.

Primary Sch. Com^e

The following gentlemen were nominated and appointed to have the care & superintendence of the primary schools, and they were authorized to fill all vacancies, which may exist giving notice of the persons thus chosen, viz.

Moses Grant.	John B. McCleary.	Lorenzo L. Cragin
Edward G. Davis.	Samuel W. Hall	Samuel H. Walley
Lewis G. Pray	Gustavus Morton	Edward Codman
George A. Sampson	Beza Lincoln	Josiah F. Bumstead
George W. Otis, jr.	Benj^a H. Greene	Caleb Colburn
Charles Choate	Francis Brown	John Sullivan
Thomas Hunting	Samuel G. Simpkins	Benj^a Perkins
Theophilus K. Marvin	Fred^k A. Sumner jr.	Thomas Foss
× I. Jn. Whiton	Thomas Gray, jr.	George Rogers
John Center	Samuel Howe	Daniel P. Coit
× Albert Williams	George A. Eliot	Geo. W. Snelling
* Charles French	John Mellen	Josiah Holbrook
Richard Austin	Elijah Cobb	Henry Hatch
Thomas H. Thompson	Elisha P. Hartshorn	George Savage
Joseph W. Ingraham	Charles K. Lowell	Joseph Curtis
Revd H. Bromley	Enoch Hobart	Charles Barnard
Samuel Kenney	William Freeman	Francis Jackson
Christopher Gore	Henry Dyer	Marshall S. Perry
William Palfrey	Martin Gay	Wm Taylor jr
Andrew Geyer	Augustus A. Gould	Ellis G. Loring.

John Stimpson, Jeremy Drake, Joy H. Fairchild, Nehemiah P. Mann,
John B. Stebbins, Joshua Seaver, Benj.a Simmons, Samuel Fowle

Mayhew Sch. master

The several applications for the place of grammar master of the Mayhew School, were read, & And the board proceeded by ballot to the choice of a master of that School, and the votes being taken, it appeared that Moses H. Walker, was chosen.

Hawes Sch. master

The board then proceeded by ballot to the choice of a master of the Hawes School, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the election of Mr. Walker to the grammar ~~master~~ department of the Mayhew School. And the votes being taken, it appeared that Joseph Harrington, Junior was chosen.

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned to meet at this place, on tuesday next, 4 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned to that time and place accordingly.

Attest,

S. M. Cleary.

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room City Hall, on tuesday, the twenty first day of January, A.D. 1834.

Present

The Chairman and the whole board except Aldermen Ellis, & Fales.

Hawes Sch. master accepts

A letter was read, which stated that Joseph Harrington, Junior, accepted the place of master of the Hawes School and that he would enter upon the duties thereof tomorrow.

Boylston Sch. master com.

Communication from Charles Fox, master of the Boylston School, respecting the admission of pupils by the master of the writing department of that School, who did not attend the grammar department, in violation of the School regulations. Read & laid on the Table.

Brewer's complaint ag.t master of Eliot School

A complaint of Clark Brewer, that his son has been improperly punished and dismissed from the Eliot school, by the master of said school. Referred to the sub committee of s.t School with instructions to endeavour to re-instate said boy, and on failure thereof to report to this board.

Regulations of Sch. com.

The committee appointed to report regulations of the School committee, made a report, which after discussion and various amendments made, was accepted, and thereupon ordered Mess.rs Fairbanks, Linsley, Knapp, Greele and Eliot, be a committee to prepare the same for the press & cause a sufficient number of copies to be printed.

Barbadoes ag.t master of African Sch.

Memorial of James G. Barbadoes, and others, in relation to the African School, and praying that the present master may be removed from that school and another appointed in his stead. Referred to the sub committee of said School.

Mulkey's

A communication signed by the Masters of Bowdoin, Adams, Hancock & Franklin Schools, and several instructers in the primary schools, in favour of M.r Mulkey's mode of instruction in Orthoëpy. Referred to the standing committee appointed to confer with the primary School committee, to consider & report. Also voted, that the grammar masters of said schools be permitted to use said system in their respective schools in such way & manner as they may deem most expedient.

Fires in Schools

Voted, that the sub committees of the several schools cause such arrangements to be made for the purpose of making fires, as they may deem most expedient.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

A. H. McCleary, Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room City Hall, on tuesday, the eleventh day of February, Anno Domini, 1834.

Present.

The Chairman and the whole board except Alderman Fales.

Return — Semi annual returns were received from the masters of all the Schools.

Quart. Repts — Quarterly reports were made by the sub com.ee of all the Schools which were read and accepted.

Usher resign. — Communication was received from Baman Stone, resigning his office of usher of the Boylston School, on the 25th ultimo.

Usher chosen — Ordered, That Jonathan Hamilton Parker, who was nominated by the sub committee of the Boylston School, be and he is hereby confirmed, and he is hereby appointed to that office, commencing on 1st instant

Fox — Communication of Charles Fox, Master of the Boylston School respecting the admission of pupils to the writing department of that School, in violation of the rules. Read and referred to the Sub committee of said School, together with Messrs. Eliot and Fairbanks, to consider and report.

African Sch. — The quarterly report of the Sub committee of the African School, was referred to the Sub committee of that School, and Messrs. Grigg and Blake were added to said committee, to consider & report.

Barbadoes — The last named Gentlemen were added to the committee on the memorial of James G. Barbadoes, & others, for the removal of the master of the African School.

Hubbell — Memorial of Calvin Hubbell, respecting a Map of the United States recently published by J. F. Millbeck, Esq. of Philadelphia, praying that the same may be examined and receive the patronage of the authority of the City, for the several public Schools therein. Referred to the Committee on books to consider and report.

Macomber New School — Petition of Ichabod Macomber, & others, to have a new School house erected at the Southerly part of the City — and a communication from B. F. Gould, Chairman of the committee on public instruction, for information concerning Schools. Read and referred to the Chairman Messrs. Grigg, Fairbanks, Knapp and Ellis, to consider and report.

Ordered, That the sub committees be required to state in their reports, at the next quarterly meeting of the board, and at all future quarterly meetings, whether there is any important disagreement between the masters of the respective departments in their several Schools, or between the masters and ushers who teach in the same department; also to report generally upon the harmony or want of it, which may exist between the instructors of the schools. And that the Secretary furnish each master, usher, with a copy of the foregoing order.

Quarterly reports Com.ee instructed

Wells Sch.

The quarterly report of the sub committee of the Wells School was referred to the sub committee of that School to be joined by Mr.s Palmer and Dyer, to consider and report.

Rules & Regulations

The following addition to the rules & regulations of this board, was ~~made~~ offered by Mr. Emerson, which was read and the further consideration of the subject was postponed to the next meeting, and that the same be inserted in the notices for calling said meeting - viz.

That the study of Algebra and Geometry be allowed in the writing Schools, for those Scholars who have completed the course of exercises in Arithmetic.

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned to meet at this place on tuesday the 25th. instant, at 4 o'Clock P. M.

Adjourned to that time & place accordingly.

Attest.

E. M. McCleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on tuesday the 25th day of February, Anno Domini, 1834.

Present.

Theodore Lyman, Junior, Mayor, Chairman

Aldermen – Ellis, Fales, Leighton, Dunham, Gurney, Eliot and Greele.

Messieurs – Field, Dyer, Palmer, Fitch, Williams, Emerson, Grigg, Fairbanks, & Knapp.

Boylston Sch. The committee appointed to examine into the charges against Mr. Wheeler which have been made by the grammar master of the Boylston School, have attended to that duty, and beg leave to report,

That they have found the allegations made to be fully sustained, and have thought it proper & necessary to require of Mr. Wheeler an apology, both to Mr. Fox, and to the committee for the want of that courtesy which is due from one Gentleman to another, & for the violation of the rules established by this board.

The grammar master, in the opinion of the sub committee has exercised a very praiseworthy degree of forbearance; and has shewn all that disposition to conciliate which this board could require, or which could be expected from any one under similar circumstances.

Mr. Wheeler having made such an apology as the committee think required by the circumstances of the case. They have only to recommend that the unpleasant occurrences which have occasioned this injury be buried in oblivion both by the committee, & the grammar master of the Boylston School.

By order of the committee, William Grigg.

Read and accepted.

Wells Sch. The committee to whom was referred the quarterly report on the Wells School, so far as regards the disagreement therein, mentioned, between the Masters, and between the writing Master & the usher, Report, that form of the committee, after giving notice to the parties of their intent, repaired to the Wells school on Monday of last week, & had an interview with said masters & usher; that they were at once informed by the W. M. Mr. Callender, that all previously existing difficulties had been amicably settled, that he surrendered or gave up the positions he had assumed as to the management of the School which caused the disagreement and collision between the parties, & that he had resolved hereafter to pursue such a course of conduct as should satisfy those with whom he was associated. The committee also learnt, on inquiry of the grammar master & usher, that they had received such acknowledgements & professions from Mr. Callender, as to induce them to hope that in future, there would be no interruption to that cordiality & harmony between the parties which is essential to the prosperity of the School. All which is respectfully submitted. Henry Williams, Chairman of Com.

Read and accepted.

New School house

The select committee to whom was referred a communication from B. A. Gould, Esq. Chairman of the standing committee on public ~~education~~ instruction in the Common Council, expressing a wish to be furnished with the views & opinions of the School committee as to the expediency or necessity of erecting a School house in Ward No. 10; And also the petition of Ichabod Macomber, & others, praying, that a School house may be built in the vicinity of Eliot or Warren Streets, have carefully and attentively considered those several matters and have now agreed to the report as on file; to which was added the following resolutions.

Resolved, as the sense of the School committee, that it is expedient to build another School house, in the Southern quarter of the City.

Resolved, that the Secretary of the School committee be limited to send to B. A. Gould, Esq. Chairman of the committee on public instruction in the Common Council a Copy of this report, together with the petition of Ichabod Macomber and others, praying, that a School house, praying that a School house may be built in the vicinity of Eliot or Warren Streets.

Report read and accepted, and the resolutions passed.

Masters to be furnished &c

Ordered, that every master in our public Schools, be furnished by the sub committee with a copy of the report of the quarterly examination of his School, made by such Sub committee.

Algebra Geometry

Ordered, that the study of Algebra, & Geometry be allowed in the writing Schools for those pupils who have completed the course of ~~studies~~ exercises in Arithmetic.

Orthoepy

Ordered, that a system of teaching Orthoepy by William Mulkey, be referred to the committee on books, to consider and report.

Rules Regs

The following addition to the rules & regulations of this board was offered by Mr. Williams, which was read & the further consideration of the subject was postponed to the next meeting, & that the same be inserted in the notices for calling s. meeting. viz: Voted, That in all cases in the existing School regulations, where the appellation of grammar-master is used, that the term Principal shall be substituted therefor.

Voted, That in Chapter 3d. the whole of section 2d. be expunged from the rules; and in lieu thereof there be substituted as follows viz:

In every grammar school the principal shall have the entire control, direction, & regulation of the pupils in both departments of the same; - but as regards the conduct & demeanor of the pupils in and out of the school; that it shall be his duty to direct & prescribe the classification, the mode of instruction, and the discipline of the pupils in the writing department as fully as in the grammar department; that he shall, from time to time, give such directions to the writing master, and to all the assistant instructers, as in his opinion the welfare and prosperity of the school requires; and that he shall be responsible for the condition of the School in both departments: it being intended by this regulation that the principal shall be, in all respects, the Head of the School, and that the writing master and all the assistant teachers shall be, in the strictest sense, subordinate to him; as much so as they would be to a ~~principal~~ preceptor and proprietor of an academy, were they employed by him as assistants."

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned to meet at this place on tuesday the eleventh day of March next, four o'Clock P. m.

Adjourned to that time and place accordingly.

Attest,

S. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March, A. D. 1834.

Present—

Theodore Lyman, Junior, Mayor, Chairman.
Aldermen. Ellis, Wetmore, Leighton, Eliot and Greele.
Messrs. Field, Dyer, Palmer, Fitch, Williams, Emerson, Ripley, Grigg, Fairbanks and Blake.

Rules Regd. Agreeably to assignment, the board took into consideration the motion of Mr. Williams, made at the last meeting to amend the rules and regulations, and the question upon each of said propositions being taken it was decided in the negative, and so the motion did not prevail.

Books The committee on books to whom was referred the subject of supplying the public schools with maps and globes, having had the subject under consideration at several meetings, & ascertained from personal examination, & the written statements of the different masters, the wants & deficiencies of the schools in this respect, beg leave to report—

That in their opinion, the following maps are required for each of the schools, except the African viz.

One Map of the World.
One " " Europe.
One " " " United States
One " " New England.

And one 12 inch terrestrial globe for the Latin School, & each of the grammar schools, and a pair of globes for the High School.

The committee find that some of the schools are already supplied with a part of the Maps & globes recommended, & that others are either altogether destitute, or furnished with such as are so worn and antiquated, as to be nearly useless.

They accordingly recommend, that there shall be furnished to

The Latin School, one terrestrial globe—
one map of the world
one map of the United States
one map of the N. England, and that the Orrery which it now has, be put in repair.

The High School— one pair of globes
one map of the United States
one " New England

Mr Eliot, Boylston, Adams, Franklin, Mayhew, Wells & Hawes } each — one map of the World; one — Europe; one — United States; one — New England.

Mr Hancock, Bowdoin } each — one map of Europe, one of the U. States; one — N. England.

Mr Hancock, Wells, Eliot, Hawes — each one terrestrial globe.

The net cost of the 39 maps, as nearly as could be ascertained by the committee would be 249. 90

Cost of globes 115. —

Orrery 10. —

Cases for globes, fitting up maps &c. 10.

according to the statement herewith. 374. 90

The committee therefore recommend, that application be made to the City Council for an appropriation for the purchase of Maps Globes specified above, & that if it be granted, a committee be appointed from this board to supply the Schools as herein recommended.

The committee further report, that having learned by their inquiries, that great diversity of opinion exists among the grammar schools masters with regard to the use of maps & globes, that in case this report be accepted, the sub committee of the respective schools should be instructed to enjoin it upon the masters to make such use of the Maps & globes, as will carry into effect the provisions of this board.

All which is respectfully submitted, by order of the committee on books.

Geo. Ripley, Chairman.

Read, and accepted, and thereupon ordered, that the Chairman of this board be requested to communicate the same to the City Council.

Books.

The committee on books respectfully recommend to this board the adoption of the following orders.

Ordered, 1. That "Mulkey's abridgement" be allowed in the grammar schools in which Mulkeys system of Orthöepy is taught.

Ordered 2. That "Lyunds geometry" & "Bailey Algebra" be allowed in the writing schools in which geometry & Algebra are taught.

Read, accepted and the orders passed.

Ordered, That that part of the last quarterly report of the Hawes School which related to the deficiency of seats for the present number of Scholars be refered to a Special Committee consisting of the Sub committee of that School, the Mayor, and Messrs. William H. Ripley to cause the alterations to be made, if they shall deem it expedient.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest.

S. F. McCleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on Thursday, the twenty seventh day of March A. D. 1834.

Present--

Theodore Lyman, Junr., Mayor, & chairman.

Aldermen-- Ellis, Wetmore, Dunham and Eliot.

Messrs.-- Field, Palmer, Fitch, Williams, Linsley, Emerson, Grigg, Fairbanks, Knapp and Blake.

Hawes School

The committee to whom was refered that portion of the last quarterly report of the Hawes School, which related to the deficiency of desks for the present number of Scholars, make the following Statement--

It appears from the records of the Hawes School, that the present number of Scholars in said School is one hundred & ninety, & there being only one hundred & forty desks, fifty Scholars are left without the necessary accommodations. It has also been ascertained, that there may be expected, at the commencement of next month, more than thirty Scholars from the primary Schools, which will occasion a deficiency of desks, to at least the number of eighty. And judging from the past regular increase of Scholars in the Hawes School, it may be presumed that the deficiency will amount to more than one hundred by the middle of Summer.

It may be known to most of the members of this board; that the desks & other fixtures in the lower Story of the Hawes School were so badly designed, & are in so ruinous a condition, that the apartment was abandoned some years since, as unfit for use; & that in consequence of a determination to do this, the upper Story was fitted up in its present condition. Your committee are therefore of the opinion, that the lower Story should be floored and furnished with desks fit for use, without delay, in a style & upon a plan corresponding with the present mode of constructing School rooms. Your committee have not been able to name any sum that will be needed to complete the aforesaid alterations; but from estimates hastily made by themselves, aided by the suggestions of a

Carpenter, they think the whole, including some important repairs upon and about the premises immediately required may be effected for five hundred dollars. They therefore recommend the following resolution.

Resolved, That application be made to the City Council for an appropriation (of) five hundred dollars to be expended in fitting up for use the lower story of the Abiel Smith School, and for general repairs upon and about the premises of said School.

In behalf of the committee.

J. L. Blake.

Read, accepted, and the resolve passed with an amendment to insert "a sum of money not exceeding".

African School.

The committee to whom the affairs of the African School were referred, & also the petition of J.G. Barbadoes, & others, in relation to the same subject, respectfully report.

The committee find the School depressed in its condition, thinly attended & actually conferring very limited benefits on the class of persons for whom it is designed. Without undertaking to investigate all the causes which may have operated to produce such a state of things, the principal ones seem very obvious. The School has not received that attention nor been provided with those accommodations which are necessary to encourage the master & secure the interest & good feeling of coloured people.

The committee after an attentive consideration of the matter have unanimously agreed to recommend the following changes.

1. As some prejudices appear to exist against the present master (though your committee believe without any just foundation) & unfavorable impressions on the part of the coloured people generally, in favour of Mr. Henry Forbes, of the Franklin School, it is proposed (the sub committee of the Franklin School consenting thereto) that the departments of these gentlemen be exchanged, Mr. Forbes being transferred to the African School, and Mr. Bascom to the Franklin School to fill the vacancy.

2. That an addition of two hundred dollars be made to the salary of the master of the African School, making it one thousand dollars per annum.

3. That measures be adopted to furnish for the School a more commodious building. The committee regard this as reasonable and proper in itself, & highly important to the usefulness of the School.

The reasons for this measure are fully & ably set forth in a report on this subject by Messrs. Child, Binney & Fairbanks, made in October last, & reference to that report (which appears at the time to have been favorably received) will render it unnecessary for this committee to detain you by going over the same ground. As the coloured population are taxed in common with others for the support of the public schools it seems a

matter of justice as well as of good policy that the single school that is sustained for their benefit should at once be placed on a respectable footing. The coloured Schools of some of our sister cities are often referred to with pride as proofs of the benevolent regard which is paid to the poor & the depressed. Can any reason be assigned why the African School in our own City should not be redeemed from its present state of depression, & become a flourishing & effective School. The committee deem the object worthy at least of a fair experiment; and it is with a view to secure this object, and because they regard it as practicable, that they suggest the changes here in recommended. All which is respectfully submitted.

In behalf of the Com.ee J.H. Linsley, Ch.n

The question of acceptance was taken upon the above propositions separately. The first was accepted. The Chairman declared the acceptance of the 2.d proposition as out of order, at the present time, and contrary to the rules Chap. 1. Art. 8. The 3.d was accepted.

Franklin & Afican Sch.s

Voted, That the exchanges of master & usher in the Franklin and African Schools, take place on the first day of April next.

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Voted, That there be granted to Abner Forbes, the master of the African School, the sum of eighty three dollars, and thirty three cents, on the first day of September next, in addition to his salary, from the first day of April next, to the above mentioned day.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest.

S.E.M.Cleary,

Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston; held at the Mayor & Aldermen's room, City Hall, on tuesday, the thirteenth day of May, Anno Domini, 1834.

Present

Theodore Lyman, Junior, Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen - Fales, Leighton, Gurney, Eliot and Greele.

Messieurs - Field, Dyer, Palmer, Williams, Emerson, Ripley, Grigg, Fairbanks, Knapp and Blake.

Quar.ly reports

Quarterly reports were made by the sub committees of all the Schools, which were read and accepted.

Grammar schools.

Ordered, that Mess.rs Williams, Greele and Eliot be a committee, to visit the English grammar schools, and critically examine the pupils in all the branches taught therein, in order to ascertain the condition of the Schools, and to report previously to the annual election of the instructors, that the appointments of the board on that occasion may be judiciously made.

Writing Sch.

Ordered, that Mess.rs Knapp, Blake and Dyer be a committee to visit and examine the pupils in all the branches taught in the writing schools, for the purpose above expressed.

Latin Sch.

Ordered, that Mess.rs Ripley, Palmer and Greele be a sub committee to examine the Latin School, for the purpose above expressed.

Eng. High Sch.

Ordered, that Mess.rs Fairbanks, Knapp & Emerson be a sub committee to examine the English High School, for the purpose above expressed.

Globes & Maps

Ordered, that the committee on books be instructed to carry into effect the report of the committee made on the 11th of March last, on the subject of supplying the several schools with globes & maps.

African Sch. house

Ordered, that Mess.rs Eliot, Williams & Emerson be a committee to prepare an urgent memorial to the City Council in favor of an appropriation for a new African School house.

Boylston Sch.

Ordered, that the sub committee of the Boylston School, be instructed to investigate the subject matter of difference which has been alleged to exist between the masters of said School.

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Adams School

Ordered, That Messrs Fairbanks, Yales and Kipley be a committee to examine the Adams School house in Mason Street, & make estimates of the expence of making such repairs & alterations, as in the opinion of the committee the comfort & convenience of the Scholars require, & report the amount to the Chairman of the board, and that the Chairman be requested to petition the City government for a grant for that purpose.

School fund.

An act which passed the last sepsion of the Legislature entitled "An act to establish the Massachusetts School fund" together with the resolves respecting the returns to be made by the School committees for the current year - were read and committed to Messrs Field, Dyer and Palmer, to consider and report.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

E. M. McCleary,

Secretary.

At a special meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on tuesday, the twenty second day of July, A. 1834.

Present -

Aldermen Wetmore, Yales and Leighton, Messrs Field, Palmer, Fitch, Williams, Emerson, Kipley, Grigg, and Blake.

The Chairman being absent Alderman Wetmore was chosen Chairman pro tempore.

Wells Sch. writing master

The sub committee of the Wells School reported that charges had been preferred against Benjamin Callender, writing master of said school, for misconduct in discharge of the duties of his station - Whereupon

Ordered, that the Mayor, Messrs Eliot, Greele, Kipley, Grigg, Fairbanks and Blake be a committee to investigate the charges against the writing master of the Wells School, and the causes of difference which exist between him and the assistant teachers in s. School.

En. High sch. usher

Mr Thayer being obliged to resign his office of Usher of the English High School ordered, that the Secretary publish in the newspapers, a notice that ~~propo~~ applications will be received to fill the vacancy until tuesday next.

Adjourned to tuesday next 4 o'clock, P. M.

Attest. E. M. McCleary Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on tuesday, the twenty ninth day of July, Anno Domini, 1834.

Present.

Theodore Lyman, Junior, Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen Ellis.

Messieurs - Field, Dyer, Palmer, Fitch, Williams, Emerson, Ripley, Gregg, Fairbanks, Knapp, and Blake.

Wells Sch. writing master.

The select committee appointed to investigate the charges against the writing master of the Wells School, and the causes of difference which exist ~~against~~ between him and the assistant teachers in said School, made a report, which after discussion, the whole subject was referred to the whole board for a further investigation of the same.

Adams Sch. assist. teacher

The sub committee of the Adams School nominated Hannah Forbes, as an assistant teacher of that School, in place of Miss Field, who has resigned, which nomination was confirmed by this board.

Eng. High Sch. Usher.

Applications were received from the following persons for the office of usher of the English High School, viz. Kinsman H. Atkinson, J. T. Davis, Thomas P. Field and Henry T. Harrington, and the same were referred to the sub committee of that school.

Boylston Sch. Usher

A communication from J. W. Parker, resigning the office of Usher of the Boylston School which was read & referred to the sub committee of that school.

Vacancies in Schools

Voted, that a vacancy be had in all the public schools, Thursday afternoon next, on account of the ascension of Mr. Durant, with his balloon.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to meet at the Wells School house on tuesday next, half past three o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned to that time & place accordingly.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

City Clerk.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Wells School house on Tuesday, the fifth day of August, A. D. 1834

Present.

Theodore Lyman, Junior, Mayor, Chairman.
Aldermen Wetmore, Leighton, Dunham, Eliot and Greele.
Messieurs Field, Dyer, Palmer, Fitch, Williams, Emerson, Ripley, Grigg, and Fairbanks.

Eng. high sch. Usher chosen

The sub committee of the English High School, nominated Henry F. Harrington, as Usher of said School which nomination the board confirmed, and he was appointed accordingly.

Wells Sch. writing mastr.

The board agreeably to assignment took into consideration, the following report, viz:

The select committee appointed "to investigate the charges against the writing master of the Wells School, and the causes of difference which exist between him and the assistant teachers in said School" have performed that service, and have now agreed to report the two Resolutions, that follow.

For the committee
Theodore Lyman jr.

Resolved, That the charges against the writing master of the Wells School have not been substantiated, and that the causes of difference between said Master, and the assistant teachers in said School do not require the interposition of the School committee.

Resolved, that the resolution above recited be reported as the unanimous sense of the select committee.

After discussion, the further consideration of the above subject was indefinitely postponed.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest
E. M. McCleary,
Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on Tuesday, the twelfth day of August, Anno Domini, 1834.

Present

Chairman p. t. The Chairman, and the all the members, except the Revd Mr. Lindsley.

The Chairman having nominated Alderman Wetmore, Chairman pro tem. retired.

Semi annual returns. Semi annual returns were received from the masters of the following Schools. viz.t Latin, Eliot, Hancock, Mayhew, Bowdoin, Boylston, Franklin, & Wells, no returns were received from the English high School, Hawes and African.

Quarterly reports. Quarterly reports were made by the sub committees of all the Schools except the Wells School, which were read, and the sub committee of Wells school was instructed to make their report at the next meeting.

Grammar Sch. Rs. of Com. The sub committee appointed to examine the grammar department of the public schools, made a report, as on file, wherein is contained the following orders viz.t

Ordered, that all children offered for admission to the grammar schools shall be examined, by the grammar master, and none but such as are properly qualified shall be admitted.

Ordered, that the system of orthoepy taught by Wm. Mulkey, be required to be taught in all the grammar schools of this City.

Ordered, that a committee be appointed to confer with the proprietors of the books now used in the public schools, and to make some arrangement by which they shall be better printed, or else cause new works to be prepared.

Which report was read, and thereupon ordered, that that part of the report, which relates to books be referred to the committee on books, to consider and report. And the remainder of the report was laid upon the table.

Writing Sch. The sub committee appointed to examine the several writing schools, made a report (as on file) which was read and ~~accepted~~ laid on the Table.

School fund The committee to whom was referred, an act of the Legislature of this Commonwealth, establishing a School fund, with resolves of said Legislature respecting returns to be made by the School committees, for the current year, report, that the Secretary of this board be directed to answer the seven enquiries made according to the direction of said resolves, and that the answer be signed by the Chairman and Secretary of this board, and transmitted to the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth on or before the first day of December next.

Per order of the committee.

Justin Field.

Read and accepted.

Mr. Emerson submitted the following motion for the consideration of this board — viz:

Grammar & writing masters

That when the salaries of the grammar and writing masters are voted, they shall be determined by the same vote, and rendered equal.

Which motion after discussion was adopted by this board. Subsequently a motion was made to reconsider the last vote, which motion prevailed. & the question being again taken on passing said vote it was decided in the negative.

Salaries

Prior to the reconsideration of the foregoing the salaries of the grammar and writing masters were fixed at fourteen hundred dollars per annum, which was after reconsidered, and the salaries of all the masters and instructors were fixed the same as the last year, except the following viz: The sub masters of the Latin and English High Schools, to be twelve hundred dollars, each per annum. The master of the Dawes School fourteen hundred dollars per annum. The master of the African School one thousand dollars, per annum.

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned to meet at this place, on thursday next, 4 o'clock P. m.

Adjourned to that time and place accordingly.

Attest:
S. J. McCleary.
Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room City Hall, on Thursday, the fourteenth day of August, A. D. 1834.

Present.

Aldermen - Ellis, Tales, Leighton, Dunham, Gurney and Greele:
Messrs - Field, Dyer, Palmer, Fitch, Williams, Emerson, Kipley, Griggs, Fairbanks and Knapp.

Chairman

The Chairman being absent Alderman Greele was chosen Chairman pro tempore.

Masters chosen

The board proceeded by ballot to the choice of masters of the several Schools, for the year ensuing; it was voted, that the chairman should name the present incumbent, and that each member should vote yea or nay upon the masters respectively, and the ballots being taken, it appeared that the following were chosen, viz.

Charles K. Dillaway, Latin School.
Solomon P. Miles, English High School.
Elliot School David B. Tower, grammar master. Levi Conant writing master.

Hancock	"	Barnum Field	"	Peter Mackintosh jr	"
Mayhew	"	Moses W. Walker	"	Aaron D. Capen	"
Bowdoin	"	Abraham Andrews	"	James Robinson	"
Boylston	"	Charles Fox	"	Abel Wheeler	"
Adams	"	Samuel Barrett	"	Josiah Fairbank	"
Franklin	"	Richard G. Parker	"	Otis Pierce	"
Wells	"	Cornelius Walker	"	no choice.	
Hawes	"	Joseph Harrington, Junior		Master.	
African	"	Abner Forbes		"	

Previous to balloting for master of the writing department of the Wells School, a petition signed by George Lane, Four Hundred Four others, recommending Benjamin Callender, for re-election. Also a communication from John Binney, Esq. late Alderman in his favor. The ballots being taken for the re-election of Mr. Callender they stood as follows viz.

Six yeas -
nine nays -
one blanks. So there was no choice.

Callender

Voted, That there be paid to Benjamin Callender writing master of the Wells School, one quarter's salary commencing from this day.

Sec'y. to advertize

Voted, That the Secretary advertize that proposals will be received for the place of writing master in the Wells School.

Ushers & assistants chosen.

The following persons were nominated by the respective sub committees of the several schools, and they were accordingly appointed to the respective places hereafter named, viz.

Latin School – Sebastian F. Streeter – sub master – Fra.s Gardner, Jun.r and Henry W. Torrey, Ushers.

English High School – Thomas Sherwin, sub master, Henry F. Harrington – Usher – Francis M. J. Surault, teacher of French.

Eliot School. Jacob H. Kent, usher in the writing department.

Hancock School – Sarah C. Horton, Susan G. Shute, Adeline Howe, Mary Ann Pierce – Caroline A. Reed – Amanda S. Forbes.

Mayhew School – John A. Harris & Joseph Tillson Ushers.

Bowdoin School – Affa M. Gray – Mary A. Murdock – Elizabeth Lincoln – Chastine Lincoln – Frances M. Robinson & Lydia H. Drew.

Boylston School – Marshall Conant, Usher – Elizabeth Field, Matilda Oliver & Sarah Smallidge, assistants.

Adams School – George Tower – Usher – Sarah Kurtz – Matilda Chandler & Hannah Forbes, assistants.

Franklin School – William Bascom – Usher – Rebecca P. Barry, Abby Ann Curtis – and Mary Ann Vans – assistants.

Wells School – Franklin Forbes – Usher – Matilda Gerry and Eliza C. Hayden, assistants.

Hawes School – Sarah P. Sprague and Sophia Estey, assistants.

Jonathan Snelling was chosen teacher of writing in the Latin & English High Schools.

Eliot Sch. Usher resigns

Horace Gleason, Usher of the Eliot School, resigned his place on the first instant.

Ushers grant to

Voted, that the salaries of Erastus W. Mayer late Usher of the English High School, and Horace Gleason, late Usher of the Eliot School be made up to the end of the present quarter.

Books – Worcester's dictionary

The committee on books to whom was referred an order directing that the two higher classes in each grammar school be allowed, and the upper class required to use Worcester's dictionary, recommend the above order for the acceptance of this board. Read, accepted and ordered accordingly.

Franklin Sch.

The sub committee on the Franklin School made an addition to their quarterly report, which was read & accepted.

Semi annual returns.

Semi annual returns were received from the masters of the Hawes and African Schools.

Subjects referred

Ordered, That the several subjects not acted upon as repealed by the committee appointed to examine the grammar department of the Schools be referred to the next meeting of this board

Exhibition Com.ᵉ to attend

Voted, That the several committee to attend the exhibition of the Schools on Wednesday next, be nominated & appointed by the Chairman, and that the Secretary give each one notice of his appointment.

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned to meet at this place the 26.th instant at 4 o'Clock, p. m.

Adjourned to that time and place accordingly.

Attest

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

AT a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on tuesday the twenty sixth day of August, Anno Domini, 1834.

Present

Theodore Lyman, Junior, Mayor, Chairman

Aldermen Welmore, Tales, Leighton, Dunham, Gurney, Eliot and Greele.

Messieurs - Field, Dyer, Palmer, Fitch, Williams, Emerson, Ripley, Fairbanks, Knapp and Blake.

Rules adᵈ

Agreeably to notice the board took into consideration the alteration of the rules, which after discussion were adopted in manner following viz:

Ordered, That all children offered for admission to the grammar schools shall be examined by the grammar master, and none but such as are properly qualified shall be admitted; except by direction of the sub committee of the school.

Ordered That the system of Orthoëpy taught by William Mulkey be required to be taught in all the grammar schools of this City.

Eliot Sch. Usher Wells. apᵗ Teacher

The sub committee of the Eliot School nominated Thomas P. Field, as Usher in the grammar department of said School, in place of Grace Gleason resigned, his service commencing on the 4.th instant. And Hannah J. Woodman, was nominated by the sub committee of the Wells School, as assistant teacher of that school. Which nominations were confirmed, & they were appointed accordingly.

Wells sch. writing master chosen.

The several applications for master of the writing department of the Wells School, were read, as called for, and the board proceeded by ballot to the choice of such master, and the votes being taken, it appeared that John P. Lathrop was chosen.

Semi annual return.

Semi annual return was received from the English High School, which was read and filed.

Lafayette.

A communication was received from a committee of the young men of the City of Boston, inviting this board to join with them in rendering honors to the memory of Lafayette, on the sixth day of September next. Read, and thereupon ordered, that this board do accept of said invitation and that the Secretary communicate the same.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on tuesday the eleventh day of November A.D. 1834.

Present

Theodore Lyman, Junr. Mayor, Chairman.
Aldermen, Ellis, Wetmore, Leighton, and Eliot.
Messrs. Field, Dyer, Palmer, Williams, Emerson, Ripley, Grigg, Fairbanks, Knapp & Blake.

Quart^y. Rep^ts. Quarterly reports were made, by the sub committees of the several Schools, which were read and all excepted except the following

Eng. H. Sch. The committee on the English High School, among other things reported, that some of the boys in the sub master's class seem incapable of comprehending perfectly, "Legendre's Geometry" & he desires that he may be allowed to teach them from Walker" Accepted & ordered accordingly.

Hawes Sch. The committee on the Hawes School propose that another female teacher be allowed for said school. Referred to the next meeting.

Wells sch. The committee on the Wells School "think that it would add much to the character of the School to establish either an additional usher or a female teacher in the boys department. Referred to the next meeting.

Ushers & Teachers Ordered, that the subject of supplying additional ushers or additional assistant teachers to the ~~boys~~ Schools where boys and girls are both taught be considered at the next meeting.

Mulkey's Orthoëpy Memorial of several grammar masters respecting Mulkey's Orthoëpy and praying that the same may not be required to be used in the schools. Read, and referred to the next meeting. And that the above subjects be inserted in the notices for calling the next meeting.

North American Arithmetic Petition of the masters of the Writing schools, praying, that the 2nd. & 3rd. parts of the North American Arithmetic be used in the public schools instead of Colburn's 1st. lessons and sequel. Referred to the Committee on books.

Usher's vote extra allow. Ordered, that the vote which passed this board on the 14th. day of August last, declaring that the salaries of Erastus W. Thayer, late Usher of the English High School, & Horace Gleason late Usher of the Eliot School, be made up to the end of the then present quarter, be reconsidered.

Adjourned to tuesday next, 4 o'Clock P. M.
Att. S. F. McCleary, Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on Tuesday, the eighteenth day of November, A.D. 1834.

Present -

Theodore Lyman, Junior, Mayor, Chairman.
Aldermen - Wetmore, Ellis, Leighton, Gurney, Eliot and Greele.
Messieurs - Field, Dyer, Palmer, Fitch, Ripley, Grigg, Fairbanks, Knapp and Blake.

Emerson's Arithmetic

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of the writing masters, with regard to Emerson's Arithmetic, reported the following orders, which they recommend to the acceptance of this Board.

1. Ordered, That Emerson's North American Arithmetic, second and third parts, be substituted in the writing Schools, for Colburn's first lessons and Sequel.

2. Ordered, that the Arithmetics now in use be permitted to their present owners, but that whenever a scholar shall have occasion to purchase a new one, the North American Arithmetic be required.

Read, accepted, & the orders passed.

Andrews

Communication from Abraham Andrews, master of the Bowdoin School, respecting Mulkey's system of Orthoëpy was read and laid upon the table.

The subject respecting procuring additional ushers or assistant teachers, was postponed to the next board of School committee.

Mulkey's Orthoëpy

Ordered, That Messrs. Palmer, Fairbanks & Greele be a committee to examine Mulkey's system of Orthoëpy, and report at the adjourned meeting.

Exercises in English grammar.

Petition of Charles Fox, and Richard G. Parker, masters of the grammar department of the Boylston and Franklin schools authors of "Progressive exercises in English grammar," containing the principles of analysis or English parsing" praying leave to use said book in their respective Schools. Referred to the committee on books.

Adjourned to Tuesday the 16th day of December, next. 4 o'clock, p. m.

Attest,
E. M. Cleary, Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on tuesday the sixteenth day of December, Anno Domini, 1834.

Present

Theodore Lyman, Junior, Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen - Wetmore, Leighton, Gurney, Eliot and Greele.

Messieurs - Field, Dyer, Palmer, Williams, Emerson, Ripley, Grigg, Fairbanks and Knapp.

Mulkey's Orthoepy.

The committee appointed to examine "Mulkey's System of Orthoëpy" reported, as on file, together with the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That Mr. Mulkey's System of Orthoëpy, as it is imperfect as a system, and as its principles are extremely numerous, intricate and contradictory, is no improvement upon the method pursued in teaching pronunciation, before the introduction of this system as a study into the public schools.

Resolved, That the study of Mulkey's system of Orthoëpy be forthwith dispensed with, in the public schools.

After discussion said report was accepted, and the resolutions passed.

Boylston & Franklin Schools.

The committee on books, to whom was referred the petition of the Masters of the Boylston and Franklin grammar schools, requesting permission to use the "Progressive exercises in English grammar" ask leave to report, That the said petition be granted, and permission given to use that work, after the present date.

Respectfully submitted, for the Committee.

Geo. Ripley, Chairman.

The foregoing report was read and accepted with an amendment that said book be introduced into all the grammar schools.

Gleason

Ordered, That fifty dollars be paid to Horace Gleason, for services rendered in the Eliot School.

Mespinger

Ordered, That one hundred dollars be allowed & paid to Johnson Colby, for services rendered as Mespinger to this board, the present year.

Secretary.

Ordered, That there be allowed & paid to the Secretary of this board, the sum of one hundred dollars, for his services the present year.

Adjourned sine die.

Attest. S. W. Cleary, Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on tuesday, the thirteenth day of January, Anno Domini, 1835.

The following gentlemen compose the School committee the present year.

Theodore Lyman, Junior, Mayor.

Aldermen

John B. McCleary.	Nathan Gurney.
Thomas Wetmore.	Samuel A. Eliot.
Charles Leighton.	Samuel Greele.
Josiah Dunham.	Joseph H. Haywood.

From the wards.

Ward No. 1.	Justin Field. 4	Ward No. 7.	George E. Head. 7
" " 2.	Charles A. Macomber. 8	" " 8.	George Ripley.
" " 3.	Ezra Palmer, Junr.	" " 9.	William Grigg.
" " 4.	Joseph Everett. 3	" " 10.	Stephen Fairbanks.
" " 5.	Samuel Barrett. 1	" " 11.	Marshall S. Perry. 1
" " 6.	William Minot. 9	" " 12.	John L. Blake. 2

All the above appeared and took their seats except Mr. Dunham.

Chairman — The meeting was called to order by the Mayor. And it was voted to proceed to the choice of a Chairman by ballot, and the votes being taken, it appeared that the Mayor Theodore Lyman, Junior, was unanimously chosen.

Secretary — Voted, to proceed to the choice of a Secretary, by ballot, & the votes being taken, it appeared that Samuel F. McCleary was unanimously chosen.

Rules & Regns — Voted, that the rules & regulations of the last year be adopted until the further order of this board.

Com. on books — Ordered, that Messrs. Ripley, Grigg, Blake, Minot, and Barrett, be a standing committee on books.

Com. to confer with Prim. Sch. Com. — Ordered, that Messrs. Grigg, Head and Eliot be a standing committee to confer with the Primary School committee

Franklin & Boylston Sch. — Communications from the Masters of the Franklin and Boylston schools respecting the crowded state of those schools

Read and thereupon ordered that the Chairman be requested to communicate the same to the City Council.

Sub. Com^ns The following sub or visiting committees were appointed, vizt

Latin Messrs ye Mayor
Ripley
Wetmore
Palmer
Minot
Barrett

Latin – Messrs Greele
Head
Gurney
Eliot
Perry.

English High – Messrs ye Mayor
Fairbanks
Grigg
Mc Cleary.
Field
Leighton

English High – Messrs Blake
Eveleth
Macomber
Dunham
Hayward.

Eliot – Messrs Field
Gurney
Macomber

Hancock. Messrs Macomber
Mc Cleary
Eveleth

Mayhew Messrs Eveleth
Greele
Head

Bowdoin. Messrs Palmer
Eliot
Head

Boylston. Messrs Grigg
Greele
Ripley

Adams. Messrs Fairbanks
Wetmore
Ripley.

Franklin. Messrs Perry
Hayward
Blake

Wells. Messrs Barrett
Leighton
Minot.

Hawes – Messrs Blake
Dunham
Perry.

African. Messrs Minot
Eliot
Barrett.

By laws. Ordered, that the committee on books be instructed to consider the expediency of revising the by laws, particularly in regard to the course of studies pursued in the schools.

Primary Sch. Com^e

The following gentlemen were nominated and appointed to have the care and superintendence of the primary schools, and that they be authorized to fill all vacancies which may occur during the year, giving notice to this board of the persons thus chosen—

Lewis G. Pray.
John P. Bigelow.
Francis Brown
Geo. W. Otis. Junr.
Theoph^s K. Marvin
Samuel Tenney
Fred^k A. Sumner Jr.
George Rogers.
Gustavus Morton
A. Thompson
J. M. Whiton
John Center
Albert Williams
Benj^a Smith
Richard Austin
Thos. A. Thompson
Ja^s. W. Ingraham
Rev^d. G. Twombly
Samuel Lawrence
Geo. Savage
Chas^s F. Barnard
John Flint
E. M. P. Wells.
Nehemiah P. Mann
John B. McCleary.
Beza Lincoln
Christ^r Gore
Saml L. Cutler
And^w Geyer
Samuel W. Hall
Chandler Robbins
Samuel Howe
Benj^a A. Greene
Saml G. Simpkins
John P. Lathrop
Geo. A. Eliot
John Mellen
Enoch Hobart
Elijah Cobb
Abel Phelps
Richd W. Bailey
Elisha P. Hartshorn
Aurelius D. Parker
Wm Freeman
Joseph Curtis
Francis Jackson
Joy H. Fairchild
Aloan Simonds
Joshua Seaver
Henry Dyer
David Kimball
Martin Gay
Josiah F. Burnstead
Augustus A. Gould
Julius A. Palmer
Lorenzo L. Eragin
Saml H. Walley
Edwd Codman
Caleb Cobrin
John Gulliver
Benj^a Perkins
Thos Rose
James B. Dow
Daniel T. Coit
J. B. S. Jackson
Wm E. Foster
Henry Hatch
Wm Taylor Jr.
Thos Hunting
Ellis G. Loring
John B. Hobbins
Freeman Hunt
Samuel Fowle.

Adjourned to meet at this place at the regular quarterly meeting on the second tuesday of February next, 4 o'clock, P. M.

Attest,

J. B. McCleary,
Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor & Aldermen's room, City Hall, on tuesday the tenth day of February, Anno Domini, 1835.

Present—

Theodore Lyman, Junior, Mayor.

Aldermen—McCleary, Leighton, Dunham, Turner, Eliot, Greele & Hayward.

Messieurs—Field, Macomber, Palmer, Eveleth, Barrett, Minot, Kirkley, Grigg, Fairbanks, Perry, and Blake.

Semi ann. Rts. Semi annual returns were received from the Masters of all the Schools, except the Latin and English High Schools.

Quart. Repts. Quarterly reports were made by the sub committees of all the Schools, which were read and accepted

Hancock Sch. Abigail W. Packard was nominated ~~was nominated~~ as assistant instructer in the writing department of the Hancock School in place of Susan G. Shute resigned, which nomination was confirmed & she was appointed accordingly.

Hawes Sch. The sub committee of the Hawes School recommend that an additional female teacher be allowed.

African Sch. The sub committee of the African School, recommend that a female ~~teacher~~ assistant be engaged, who in addition to such duties as she be assigned to her by the master shall instruct the girls in needle-work. They also recommend that copies of the following books should be placed in the hands of the master of that school; to be used by those children who cannot be otherwise provided for—Viz: 15 Spelling books; 9 Introductions to National readers; 6 National reader; 1 first class book; 6 Geographies; 9 Grammars; & 9 Arithmetics.

Ordered, That the sub committee of the African School be instructed to procure the books above mentioned to be paid for out of the Smith fund.

By laws The committee appointed to consider the expediency of revising the by laws, particularly in regard to the course of studies pursued in the Schools—made a report, which was read and laid upon the table, and thereupon ordered, that the same be printed for the use of the members of the School committee.

School house new one The Chairman communicated a resolve which passed the City Council Feb. 2. 1835 as follows viz:

Resolved, that it is expedient and

necessary to provide an additional School House in the Southern section of the City, and that a joint Committee be appointed by the City Council to confer with the School Committee on a suitable location for the same and to report, with plans and estimates of cost.

Alderman Elliot, Hayward and Greele were appointed on the part of the Board of Aldermen and Messrs. Gould, Marett, Piper, Hobart and Hunting on the part of the Common Council.

Ordered, That Messrs. Eveleth, Fairbanks and Perry be a Committee to confer with the above mentioned Committee on the subject aforesaid.

Female teachers in Boys Sch.

Ordered, That Messrs. Barrett, Blake and Minot, be a Committee to consider and report upon the expediency of appointing female teachers in the boys Schools.

Smith School

Whereas the late Abiel Smith, Esquire, bequeathed to the town of Boston a large amount of property, devoted to the education of the children of the people of colour, resident here; — and

Whereas an opportunity is now offered, by the erection of a new School house on Belknap Street, which is now nearly completed, for the accommodation of the above mentioned children; to show a suitable respect to his memory — (therefore)

Resolved, That said School be hereafter known and called by the name of Smith School.

Voted, That when this meeting be adjourned, it adjourn to meet at this place on Tuesday the 24th instant, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned to that time and place accordingly.

Attest

Wm. H. McCleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on Tuesday, the twenty fourth day of February, A. D. 1835.

Present -

Aldermen Leighton, Dunham, Eliot, Greele and Hayward -
Messieurs - Field, Macomber, Palmer, Everett, Barrett, Minot, Head, Ripley, Grigg, Fairbanks, Perry and Blake.

Chairman pro tem.

The Chairman being absent by reason of indisposition, the board proceeded by ballot, to the choice of a Chairman pro tempore; and the votes being taken, it appeared that Samuel Greele was chosen.

Semi annual returns.

Semi annual returns were received from the Masters of the Latin and English High Schools.

Smiths School

Ordered, that the resolve respecting the donation of the late Abiel Smith, Esq. deceased, for the instruction of the children of people of colour; and giving name to the Smith School, be published in the newspapers in which the ordinances & orders of the City are printed.

Eliot Schs. house?

Ordered, that Messrs. Field, Minot and Eliot be a committee to consider and report upon the expediency and practicability of enlarging the Eliot School house.

Boys schs. on employing female teachers

The committee who were directed to consider the expediency of employing female teachers in the schools for boys, ask leave to present the following Report:

Since the last meeting of this board, the Schools have been visited with reference to the two questions into which the subject divides itself, viz: Is more instruction needed in the boys schools? - and would females be competent instructers in those schools? -

As regards the first question, your committee have no hesitation in saying, that in their opinion more instruction is greatly needed in at least many of the schools for boys. It is needed in order to place them on an equality, in this respect, with the girls' schools; for as the case now stands, the girls have twice as many teachers as the boys. It is needed much more in order to secure to the boys, especially the lower classes of them, tolerably thorough instruction. Your committee not only deem it true in theory, but they have become convinced also a like from their own observation & from the uniform testimony of the masters of its being true in practice that no school of 200 pupils can be well taught by only two instructers. But the number of children in most of our

our boys' schools exceeds this; in the majority of them it amounts to 250; in some it is even greater. Now think of 125 boys, or more instructed by a single man! How little is the direct personal attention he can give to each! The question of expense aside what parent would choose to send his child to a school of more than 30 or 35 pupils under the tuition of but one master? Yet in the boys' departments of our grammar and writing schools, there are six or seven times as many for every teacher. Your committee are friends to economy; but they hold that true economy regards time & intellect as well as money; & they are persuaded that for want of additional teachers much of the time & intellect of the boys in our public schools is wasted. These boys, particularly the younger ones either cannot or will not employ themselves advantageously for any length of time on their books, they can be kept awake, alive, active, only by frequent recitation, by almost perpetual drilling, so to speak. But what of this can be effected, with respect to each pupil, by a single instructer, who has 125 or more boys at once under his care? — Why, he has but his six hours a day or rather but five; one hour being appropriated to recreation; for the whole number divide this time equally among them all, & each will get a bit quite two minutes & a half! Ought we to be surprized, that the boys are behind the girls? That visitors observe many, especially in the lower seats inactive, listless, sleepy? That it is a common remark of parents, that their children remain for a long time stationary, after passing from the primary into the grammar schools? — And that a large proportion of the pupils instead of continuing in school the whole period of time allowed, leave it in a year or two. But your committee feel that they need not pursue the subject. If the purpose be, as they suppose it is, to give to the children of Boston, a good rather than a cheap education, they cannot but strongly recommend the furnishing of a greater amount of instruction to the schools for boys.

The other question now presents itself — Would females be employed instructers in those schools, your committee are of the opinion that they would. They do excellently well in the girls schools. Most of the monitors say that one of their female assistants accomplishes about as much as they should expect from an usher. If it objected that a young woman would fail in weight to governing large boys? The answer is, your committee do not contemplate engaging the services of very young

young females. Again they would remark that these apistants would have little or nothing to do with the older boys, but their attention would be confined to such as belong to the lowest classes. And further as to the government of the school, this would of course devolve on the master and usher. Is it said that females would find it disagreable to their feelings to be employed in the boys schools? No doubt it would be less pleasant to most of them than to instruct in the schools for girls; but your committee believe that competent females enough might be found willing, desirous even, to employ their time & talents in this way, for a reasonable compensation, say for an annual salary not exceeding two hundred dollars. At any rate, they recommend that the experiment be tried; for if they male teachers are not appointed, it is probable that no others will be; as men cannot be had except at an expense which it is not likely the City would be willing to incur for such a purpose:

Your committee however do not recommend the <u>immediate</u> appointment of female instructors in all the boys schools; because they are aware that all these schools are not at present in the same condition of want. The Mayhew School for instance, is not full, & so may go on tolerably well for a time without an additional teacher. Reasons of a different kind may, perhaps, render it expedient to postpone supplying some other schools. But the Smith & Hawes Schools, your committee think ought to be furnished immediately with each a female apistant instructor. With regard to the rest, they would suggest that the decision as to the time for engaging the services of additional teachers, may be left to the wisdom & discretion of their respective school masters.

It only remains to your committee to submit for the consideration of the board the two following resolutions.

Resolved, that the sub committees of the Smith and Hawes Schools be directed to nominate to this board for election, as soon as practicable each a competent female apistant teacher for their respective schools.

Resolved, that whenever the sub committee of any school for boys are of the opinion that their school requires the services of an additional instructer, they nominate such female as they shall deem competent to the office, to this board for election.

Resolved, that the annual salary for the services of each female apistant in the boys schools shall not exceed two hundred dollars.

All which is respectfully submitted, for the committee.

S. Barrett. Chairman

Read and accepted, and the resolutions having been severally considered were passed.

Hawes Sch. Louisa Braid was nominated & appointed an apistant teacher in the Hawes School.

Boylston Sch. Mary S. Barker was nominated & appointed an assistant teacher in Hawes Boylston School.

Adams Sch. Mary E. Swift was nominated & appointed an assistant teacher in the Adams School, in place of Sarah Hurlz resigned.

Bowdoin Sch. Katherine Whitney was nominated & appointed an assistant teacher in the writing department of the Bowdoin School, in place of Mary Ann Whitney resigned.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,
Wm. McCleary,
Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, on tuesday, the twelfth day of May, Anno Domini, 1835. at the Mayor & Aldermen's room City Hall.

Present
Theodore Lyman, Junior, Mayor & Chairman.
Aldermen Greele and Hayward.
Messrs. Field, Macomber, Palmer, Eveleth, Barrett, Kipley, Young, Fairbanks and Perry.

New member Sch. Com.ee The Rev. Alexander Young, who was elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Doctor Wm. Grigg from ward No. 9, appeared and took his seat.

Quarterly Rep. Quarterly reports were made by the sub committees of all the schools, except the English High, Hawes and Smith's Schools, which were severally read & accepted.

Committees filled Mr. Young was nominated & appointed on the sub committee of the Latin School, and Mr. Whittemore on the sub committee of the English High School. Mr. Young was also appointed on the sub committee of the Boylston School in the place of Doctr. Grigg. Mr. Whittemore was appointed on the sub committees of the Franklin and Hawes Schools, in place of Mr. Blake.

Eng. grammar Schools Com.ee to examine Ordered, That Messrs. Palmer, Head & Perry be a committee to visit the English grammar schools & critically examine the pupils in all the branches taught therein, in order to ascertain the

Condition

condition of the schools, and to report previously to the annual election of the instructers, that the appointments of the board on that occasion may be judiciously made.

Writing Schools — Ordered, that Messrs Field, Whittemore & Macomber be a committee to visit & examine the pupils in all the branches taught in the writing schools, for the purpose above expressed.

High Sch. — Ordered, that Messrs Fairbanks, Eveleth and Barrell be a committee to examine the English High School, for the purpose above expressed.

Latin Sch. — Ordered, that Messrs Ripley, Minot and Young be a committee to examine the Latin School, for the purpose above expressed.

Books & Primary Sch. — Messrs Young and Whittemore were nominated & appointed on the committee on books. And Mr Young on the committee to confer with the primary school committee.

High Sch. vacancy in — Ordered, that the Sub committee of the English High School, be instructed, with full power to supply the vacancy in the said School during the absence of Mr Miles.

High Sch. apparatus — Ordered, that the Sub committee of the English High School were instructed to write to Mr Miles in Europe, and authorize him to expend a sum of money not exceeding two hundred dollars, for the purchase of such apparatus as may be deemed necessary & proper for said School in addition to that now used in said School.

Sewing in Schools — Petition of a committee of Ladies of the Seamen's aid society, praying that needle work may be taught to the females in the grammar schools. Read & referred to Messrs Lincoln, Fairbanks and Perry to consider and report.

Boylston School — Communication from the Master of the Boylston School stating, that there are more pupils belonging to said School than the house will accommodate. Read and referred to the sub committee of that school with full power to provide accommodations for the same.

Callender — Petition of B. Franklin Callender, praying that compensation may be made him, for the performance of the whole duties of master and usher of the Mayhew School, for the term of six months in the year 1832. Read and referred to the sub committee of the Mayhew School, to consider and report.

Latin Sch. usher

James H. Wilder was nominated by the Sub committee of the Latin School, usher in said School in the place of Henry W. Torrey, resigned, which nomination was confirmed by this board.

Apistant Instructors Elist Sch.

The sub committee of the Eliot School made the following nominations - viz: Elizabeth Norton, apistant teacher in y writing department. Sarah E. Simpson, apistant teacher in the grammar department; their services commenced on the ninth day of March last. Albert Bowker to be usher in the grammar department commencing on the 30th day of April last, in place of Thomas P. Field, who resigned & left said School on the 27th of said April.

Which nominations were confirmed.

Franklin Sch.

The sub committee of the Franklin School nominated Rebecca P. Barry, apistant teacher of the boys School, and Elizabeth B. Gates, apistant teacher of the girls schools in place of Miss Barry. Which nominations were confirmed.

Adams Sch.

The sub committee of the Adams School nominated Elizabeth Langford, apistant teacher of the boys in said School. Which nomination was confirmed.

Elist Sch. pupils

Ordered, That the sub committees of the Elist and Mayhew Schools be instructed to provide for the accommodation of surplus pupils in the former School by the removal of a sufficient number from the former to the latter.

Wells Sch.

The sub committee of the Wells School nominated Justin Field, Junior usher of the said School, and Catharine B. Blaney apistant teacher.

No reports having been received from the sub committees of the English High, Smith and Hawes Schools, it was thereupon voted to adjourn this meeting to meet at this place on tuesday the 26th instant, at 4 Oclock P. M. to receive said reports.

Adjourned to that time & place accordingly.

Attest,

E. M. McCleary, City Clerk

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on tuesday the twenty sixth day of May, Anno Domini, 1835.

Present.

Theodore Lyman, Junr., Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen Leighton, Gurney, Greele and Hayward.

Messrs. Field, Macomber, Palmer, Everett, Barrett, Minot, Read, Kipley, Young, Fairbanks, Perry and Whittemore.

New member

The Rev. Benjamin Whittemore appeared and took his seat, he being chosen in place of Rev. John L. Blake, from Ward No. 12. resigned.

Quarterly Rs

Quarterly reports were made by the sub committees of the English High, Hawes and Smith Schools, which were read & accepted.

Vacation

Voted, that the vacation of the Bowdoin School commence to morrow morning.

Smith Sch.

The committee of the Smith School nominated Abigail H. Eaton, as asistant teacher of that School, which nomination was confirmed by the board.

Sewing in Schools

The committee to whom was referred a memorial of a committee of the Seaman's Aid Society, respecting the introduction of plain sewing into the public schools, made a report, which was read and laid upon the table.

Callender

The sub committee of the Mayhew School, to whom was refered the petition of B. Franklin Callender, for compensation for extra services performed by him, while master of the writing department of said School in the years 1828 & 1829. made a report in favor of granting him one hundred dollars. Read and laid upon the table.

The meeting was then adjourned to meet and the next regular quarterly meeting.

Attest,

E. M. McCleary.

Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor & Aldermen's room, City Hall, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of August, Anno Domini, 1835.

Present=

Theodore Lyman, Junior, Mayor Chairman.

Aldermen Lewis, McCleary, Leighton, Dinham, Eliot, Greele and Hayward. Mesrieurs Field, Macomber, Palmer, Eveleth, Barrett, Minot, Head, Young, Fairbanks, Perry and Whitemore.

Semi annual returns.

Semi annual returns were received from all the Schools except the English High and Eliot schools.

Quarterly Repts

Quarterly reports were made by the sub committees of all the Schools.

Grammer Sch.

The committee appointed to visit the English grammar schools & critically examine the pupils in all the branches taught therein, in order to ascertain the condition of the same, & to report previously to the annual election of the instructors, that the appointments of the board on that occasion may be judiciously made. Reported as on file; The committee recommend that so much of their report as relates to the primary Schools may be committed to the committee of Conference with the primary School committee. Read, accepted & ordered accordingly.

Writing Sch.

The committee appointed to examine the several writing Schools, made a report as on file;

Read and accepted.

Latin & Eng. High

Reports were also made by the several committees appointed to examine the Latin and English High Schools, as on file. Among other things contained in the report of the com^e on Latin School is the following, vizt: "The pupils in Mr Gardner's room, comprizing divisions of the third & fifth classes were deficient. So many instances of inattention & carelessness both in translation & parsing were exhibited, that the committee cannot allow them to pass without this unfavorable notice."

Read & accepted.

Hawes Sch.

The committee on the Hawes School, recommend that a male instructer be appointed in each apartment of said School. Thereupon ordered, that there be a writing master appointed in said School, & that his salary be one thousand dollars per annum, and that the Secretary advertize for proposals.

Smiths Sch. The committee of the Smith School among other things reported, that the Master requested the sub committee to ask for an increase of his salary. This the committee readily do, from a belief, that the labours of Mr. Forbes are necessarily more arduous, than those of any other public instructer in the City, and that they are ably & faithfully discharged. They therefore recommend, that the salary be increased two hundred dollars.

Read, accepted and ordered accordingly.

Latin Sch. Lexicon Voted, that a copy of Facciolati Totius Latinitatis Lexicon, be furnished for the use of the Latin School; and that an appropriation of $ 36. 50 be made for that purpose, agreeably to the report of the committee on that School.

Master's & Instructers chosen The board proceeded by ballot, to the choice of masters of the several schools, for the year ensuing, and the votes being taken it appeared that the following were chosen viz.

Charles K. Dillaway, Latin School
Solomon P. Miles, English High

Eliot School David B. Tower grammar master Levi Conant writing master.
Hancock " Barnum Field " " Peter Mackintosh Jr. " "
Mayhew " Moses W. Walker " " Aaron D. Capen " "
Bowdoin " Abraham Andrews " " James Robinson " "
Boylston " Charles Fox " " Abel Wheeler " "
Adams " Samuel Barrett " " Josiah Fairbank " "
Franklin " Richard G. Parker " " Otis Pierce " "
Wells " Cornelius Walker " " John P. Lathrop " "
Hawes " Joseph Harrington, Jr. " "
Smith " Abner Forbes — Master.

The following persons were nominated ~~and by the~~ sub committees of the several schools for the year ensuing, and they were accordingly appointed to the respective places hereafter named, viz:

Latin School — Sebastian F. Streeter, Sub master.

English High — Thomas Sherwin, Sub master — Henry F. Harrington — Usher
Francis M. J. Surault teacher of French. Jonathan Snelling teacher of writing in the Latin and English High Schools.

Eliot School — Albert Bowker and Jacob H. Kent, Ushers — Elizabeth Morton and Sarah E. Simpson, apistants.

Hancock School — Sarah C. Horton, Adeline Howe, Mary Ann Price, Caroline A. Reed, Amanda S. Forbes and Abigail W. Packard apistants.

Mayhew School — John J. Harris and Joseph Tillson — Ushers.

Bowdoin School — Affa M. Gray, Mary J. Murdock, Elizabeth Lincoln, Christine Lincoln, Frances M. Robinson and Katharine Whitney, apistants.

Boylston School — Marshall Conant Usher — Matilda Oliver, E. A. J. Fitzpatrick Sarah Smallidge and Mary S. Barker, apistants.

Adams School. George Tower Usher. Matilda Chandler, Hannah F. Forbes, Elizabeth Langford, and Mary E. Swift apistants.
Franklin School. William Bascom Usher. Rebecca P. Barry, Abba Ann Eustis, Mary Ann Vans and Elizabeth B. Gates, apistants.
Wells School. Justin Field, Jmitr. Usher. Matilda Gerry, Eliza C. Hayden, Hannah J. Woodman, and Catharine B. Blaney, apistants.
Hawes School. Sarah P. Sprague: Sophia Eastc & Louisa Braid apistants
Smith School. Abigail H. Eaton, apistant.

Writing masters

Petition of the several writing masters for an increase of their salaries, and also the petition of the female apistants in the girls schools, for the same object, were severally read.

Salaries

Voted, that the salaries of the Instructers in the several schools be the same as the last year, except that of the master of the Smith School, which shall be twelve hundred dollars per annum. Also that the female apistants in the girls schools be two hundred dollars per annum each. On motion made it was ordered that the above vote be so far considered, as that the masters in the writing departments of the grammar & writing schools be thirteen hundred dollars per annum, each.

Exhibition com.ee to attend

The sub committees of the several schools were nominated and appointed to attend their respective schools on the day of the annual exhibition, and present the Franklin medals, and that the committees of the girls schools attend such schools of the boys as they shall find most convenient. And that the Chairman of each sub committee invite a clergyman to attend the exhibition, and officiate on that occasion.

Sewing in Schools

The board took into consideration the following resolve reported at the last meeting on the memorial of Mrs. Sarah J. Hale, J. Pierpont and Catharine Putnam a committee of the seamen's aid society, respecting the introduction of plain sewing into the public schools. After discussion the same was accepted and adopted as follows viz:-

Resolved, that the girls of the second and third clases, who attend the public writing schools of this city, may be instructed by the female instructers of said schools in plain sewing, one hour in the afternoon of every school day, beginning forthwith, & ending the first monday in November of the present year, & in future years, beginning the first monday in April, & ending as aforesaid, the first monday in November.

Callender

The board took into consideration the following report of the committee made at the last meeting, as follows viz.

The sub committee of the Mayhew School to whom was referred the petition of B. Franklin Callender, for compensation for extra services alleged to have been performed by him, while master of the writing department of the Mayhew School in 1828 & 1829. Report. That they have fully satisfied themselves that Mr. Callender did discharge the duties mentioned in his petition, and for which he asks compensation, in a manner which was satisfactory to the sub committee who had charge of the School at the times, and they respectfully recommend that there be allowed and paid to said Callender in full compensation and payment for said extra services, the sum of one hundred dollars. Read and accepted.

Medal

Communication was received from the grammar master of the Boylston School, stating that William B. Breed now settled in Kentucky, but now in this city, who received a Franklin medal in said School, in the year 1826. but was stolen from him with his trunk, some time since; he therefore requests to be permitted to obtain a fac simile of said medal at his own expense. Read and the prayer thereof granted, and that the same be presented to him by the sub committee of said School, on the day of the annual exhibition.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to meet at this place, on tuesday the 25th. instant, at 4 o'Clock P. M.

Adjourned to that time and place accordingly.

Attest,

S. F. McCleary

Secretary

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room City Hall, on tuesday, the twenty fifth day of August, A. D. 1835.

Present -

Aldermen McCleary, Leighton, Dunham, Gurney and Greele.
Mossieurs - Field - Macomber, Palmer, Sveleth, Barrett, minot Heal, Young, Fairbanks, and Perry.

Chairman pro tem.

The Chairman being absent Alderman Greele was chosen Chairman pro tempore.

Hawes sch. appn.

Applications for the office of Master of the writing department of the Hawes School were read, together with the documents accompanying the same.

Hawes sch. writing master.

The board proceeded by ballot to the choice of master of the writing ~~teacher~~ department of the Hawes School, and the votes being taken, it appeared that John A. Harris was chosen.

Engl. grammar progressive exercis.

Ordered, That the subject of introducing into the grammar Schools, the 2d part of progressive exercises in English grammar by K. G. Parker and Charles Fox be referred to the committee on books.

Emerson's arithmetic

Ordered, That the subject of introducing into the English High & Latin Schools, Emerson's arithmetic instead of Colburn's be referred to the committee on books.

Latin Sch.

The committee on the Latin School, have agreed to report, that in their judgment it is not advisable for the present to make a nomination for either office of Usher now vacant in that School; - but they recommend that a Select committee be appointed with full power and instructions to inquire into the actual condition of that School, & make a report, as soon as may be to this board. The committee are induced to propose this measure in consequence of the dissatisfaction expressed by a portion of the public concerning the state of this School in general and also, in consequence of the dissatisfaction expressed from time to time by the committee on the School concerning the state of part of it. For the committee

Theodore Lyman jr.

Read & accepted, and Messrs Heal, Perry, Barrett, Palmer and Field were appointed for that purpose.

Semi annual returns from the English High and Eliot Schools, - ~~which~~ were received and filed.

The board was then adjourned.

Attest,

S. F. McCleary,

Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on tuesday, the tenth day of November, Anno Domini, 1835.

Present -

Theodore Lyman, Jr. Mayor Chairman.

Aldermen - McCleary, Leighton, Gurney, Greele and Hayward.

Messieurs - Field, Macomber, Palmer, Eveleth, Barrett, Minot, Head, Ripley, Young, Fairbanks, Perry & Whittemore.

Quart.y Rept.s Quarterly reports were made by the sub committees of all the Schools, which were severally read and accepted.

Eng. H. Sch. Ushers. The sub committee of the English High School nominated William Leroy Annin ~~was nominated~~ as Usher of said School, in place of Mr. Burkminster who has retired on account of indisposition. Which nomination was confirmed and he was appointed accordingly.

The above committee also nominated Charles Vose Bemis, in as Usher of said School, which nomination was confirmed & he was appointed accordingly.

Master compensation The sub committee of the English High School, ~~[illegible]~~ among other things reported that Mr. Miles who has been absent from his duties for the last six months, on account of indisposition has returned, much improved in health, and has resumed his labours. During the absence of Mr. Miles, the school has been under the charge of Mr. Sherwin to whom great credit is due for his untiring devotion, & the successful discharge of the responsible duties confided to him. Thereupon ordered, that the sub com.ce of said School be instructed to consider & report what compensation shall be made to Mr. Miles during his absence abroad.

Wells Sch. assist. teacher The sub committee of the Wells School among other things reported, that in July last Miss Hayden one of the assistant teachers was compelled by sickness to leave the school, & the committee on the first of October appointed Miss Louisa B. Braid to supply her place. Miss Hayden did not resign her office, for she hoped to be able to resume her duties, the com.ce recom-

mend that her salary be continued to her." Thereupon ordered, that the nomination of Miss Bond be confirmed, and she was appointed accordingly. And that the salary of Miss Hayden be continued until the end of the present quarter.

Boylston Sch.

The sub committee of the Boylston School among other things reported, that the school was so crowded, that 85 pupils were obliged to be instructed in the ward room. In view of this state of things, the committee recommend, that an additional female teacher be allowed to this school. Read & accepted, and the committee nominated Miss Julia Gates, which nomination was confirmed and she was appointed accordingly.

Books.

The committee on books, having acted on the subjects referred to them at the last meeting of the board ask leave to report the following orders.

Ordered, That the 2d part of progressive exercises in English grammar by R. G. Parker & Charles Fox, be permitted in the grammar schools.

Ordered, That Emerson's Arithmetic be permitted in the Latin & English high schools instead of Colburn's.

Which report was accepted, and the orders passed.

Pub. instruction Com'n

A communication was received from Benjamin A. Gould, Esq. Chairman of the committee of public instruction, and in their behalf, stating "In consequence of an application from the primary school committee for the establishment of certain intermediate schools for the reception of such children as may be too old for the primary schools & not qualified for the English grammar schools, the Common Council, thinking some provision ought to be made for those children under the existing organization of the school system, have referred the subject to the standing committee on public instruction to consider & report what measures should be adopted more effectually to secure the attendance of idle & vagrant children at the public schools. It being understood by this committee, that your board had already some two years since attempted to provide against this evil, they have thought proper to ask the aid & co operation of the school committee in devising some method for accomplishing this object which may be at the same time effectual, & attended with the least expense & inconvenience. Such advice and co-operation will be gratefully received by this committee." Read and thereupon ordered, that Messrs. Field, Macomber and Perry be a committee to confer with above mentioned committee on the subject aforesaid.

Gerry E. Boston.

Petition of Thomas A. Gerry, Jothers, Inhabitants of East Boston praying, that a public school may be established there
Referred to Mess.rs Field, Macomber and Perry, to consider & report.

Latin School.

The committee appointed to inquire into the actual condition of the Latin School, present the following Report:

The reputation which this School has acquired and maintained under the immediate predecessors of the present principal has made it deservedly an object of great interest to this board and to their fellow citizens at large. Before the accession of Mr. Gould to the office of principal it may be said to have retained little more than the name of a Latin School;— It certainly had ceased to answer the purposes which those for whose benefit it was established had a right to expect from such a seminary. But under that gentleman's auspices it rose rapidly in public estimation and attained to a celebrity which it has been the lot of few schools, public or private to enjoy.

A system of instruction new at that time in this Country, but well known to the profound Scholars of Europe was introduced into school, with a highly beneficial effect. Under the influence of this system the pupils instead of a superficial acquaintance with Latin & Greek acquired a thorough knowledge of the structure of those languages, & became well versed not only in the regular forms of construction and idiom; but likewise in their anomalies. Under the successor of Mr. Gould, the character of the School was well sustained. The boys fitted for college at the Boston Latin School always took a high stand at our universities for an intimate acquaintance with the rudiments of the languages required for admission there, while they were by no means deficient in those other branches of learning preparatory to entering on a collegiate course. The School was an object of praise abroad & of just pride at home.

By the terms of the report of the sub committee of the Latin School, which report led to the appointment of the present committee it seems that "dissatisfaction has been expressed by a portion of the public concerning the state of the school; and by the committee on the School concerning the state of part of it." It became therefore the duty of the committee inquiring into the condition of the school to endeavour to ascertain whether there were any reasonable grounds of complaint. Of course it became necessary to examine into the official conduct of Mr. Dillaway the present head of the School, and his associates in the task of instruction.

The present incumbent succeeded to the office of principal of the Latin School in the year 1831. He had been associated as an instructor in the School with his predecessor and had the advantage of a thorough acquaintance

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with the system so successfully pursued in it. In the course of these four years several hundred pupils have been intrusted to his care and some have passed from it into our highest seminaries of learning.

The committee find that the same plan of instruction which established the reputation of the school under Messrs. Gould and Leverett has been pursued by Mr. Dillaway. They cannot find that he has neglected those confided to his care by being remiss in punctuality of attendance or by neglecting to discharge the daily duties of his office. With regard to discipline they hear no complaint of undue severity, nor have they reason to think that any misjudged leniency has occurred to weaken the control which one in his station ought always to hold over his pupils. He has, it is believed, complied with all the requirements contained in the printed regulations of the board, applicable to the School under his care, and in the opinion of the committee he has manifested a conscientious diligence in his vocation.

Nor do they find that the fame of the School has been injured by any deficiency in the preparation of those who have passed from it into College during the last four years. As reports to the contrary have been circulated in the community, justice to Mr. Dillaway demands that the committee enter into particulars on this point.

It has been alleged, that of six boys presented for admission to Cambridge by Mr. Dillaway, at the last Commencement, only two entered unconditionally that is, were not required to study, during the vacation, some branch in which they were deficient at the examination. When this report reached the ears of Mr. Dillaway, he took measures for ascertaining the truth upon the subject, by applying to the gentlemen who conducted the examination, (which was unusually strict) and the result of his inquiries may be seen in the following certificates, under their hands respectively; —

Harvard University Sept. 16. 1835. I examined in Greek grammar, Greek composition and the Greek reader, C. Dawes, A. C. Washburn, C. Brigham, F. Capen, J. Perkins and E. E. Hale, so far as my examination extended they were thoroughly prepared, and were not only admitted without injunctions, but with distinction. They were all placed I believe in the foremost section of their class, upon the basis of this examination.

Of the present Junior class, J. Bacon, C. W. A. Dall, C. Hayward, and Henry Williams are among the most accomplished and accurate Greek scholars. F. S. Williams of the same class is also a thorough and able scholar, though not in the most advanced section. They have all shown that their preparation for college was thorough, minute, and accurate.

Besides those aforementioned, Abbot, Atkins, Hale, Peirce, Smith,

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Kensus and Whitney of the Sophomore class are, so far as my knowledge extends, among the best scholars of their class, in respect to accuracy of preparation in Greek.

Signed C. C. Felton,
Eliot Prof. of Greek Lit. in Harv. University.

My opinion of the students mentioned above agrees in every respect with that of Professor Felton. Those who belong to the Junior class especially my longer acquaintenance with them enables me to pronounce very faithful and thorough.

(Signed) C. Beck.

I certify that having examined in Greek grammar and the Greek testament the young gentlemen undermentioned*, who were admitted this year to the freshman class of Harvard College, I found their proficiency to be such, as not only to entitle them to admission, but to give them, at once a rank among the first in the class for accuracy and completeness of knowledge in the books that have been specified.

Cambridge, Sept. 16. 1835. (Signed) Francis Bowen, Tutor in Greek in Harvard University.

* J. Dawes, A. C. Washburn, C. Brigham, Francis L. Capen, James Perkins, Edward E. Hale.

Cambridge, Sept. 16. 1835.

At the recent examination of candidates for the Freshman class, the following individuals viz. J. Dawes, A.C. Washburn, C. Brigham, F. L. Capen, J. Perkins, & E. E. Hale were found eminently qualified in those branches in which they were examined by the Latin Tutor, which branches were Latin prosody and Virgil, and the translation of Latin into English.

(Signed) C. Mason, Tut. in Lat. H. Univ.

Cambridge, Sept. 16. 1835.

I take pleasure in saying that the young gentlemen whose names are given below, passed a remarkably fair examination in Algebra & Arithmetic. They are now under my instruction in College, and show by the standing they take in their class, that they have studied these branches with great accuracy. Their average scholarship is decidedly high in mathematics.

J. Dawes, A. C. Washburn, Charles Brigham, Viz. (Signed) Joseph Lovering, Instructor in Mathematics in Harv. University.
Francis L. Capen, James Perkins, Edward E. Hale.

The attendance of the pupils is such as to give satisfaction, during the year 1834, ending to the semi annual returns, the number of pupils was . . . . . 142.
The average attendance was 133. During the first seven months of 1835. The average number of pupils was 140.
The average attendance was 136.

In regard to the number of pupils connected with the School, the present year compared with the four previous years shows a less favorable result, the number greatly diminished. When Mr Dillaway first took charge of it, in

1831.	The number of pupils on the Catalogue was	158.
1832	" " " "	170.
1833	" " " "	158.
1834	" " " "	160.

Making an average of 160 pupils each year.

According to the printed catalogues of the present year there are belonging to the School only 129 Scholars being 31 less than the year before.

It appears also that upwards of forty of these pupils joined the School at the last vacation; from which it would appear that during the year ending August 1835 more than seventy left the school from various causes of whom eight or nine only entered College.

In connection with this view of the subject the following fact is presented by the committee.

Of the original members of the class which entered in Aug.

	1831, consisting of ..	40 members
There remained in	1832	31. 9 having left.
" " "	1833	26. 5 having left.
" " "	1834	12. 14 having left.
" " "	1835	5. 7 having left

This statement shews that during four years a class of 40 pupils dwindled to 5.

Various causes have been assigned to account for the decrease in the number of pupils connected with the Latin School — such as the unpopularity of the classics as a branch of education; the increase of private schools, where the modern languages are introduced &c. Of the validity of these reasons, the board are competent to judge, and need no light from the committee, in reference to them. The unsuccessful attempt of Mr. Wilder as usher must have had so far as it extended, a bad influence, but his connection with the School was short.

Charges were made against Mr. Gardner one of the Instructors which made it necessary for the committee to examine into them. The charges were first. The deficiency of the pupils in his room, during the examination of them by the sub committee in July last.

Secondly. Undue severity of discipline towards those intrusted to his care. The committee do not understand that the sub-committee in their report of the examination referred to, intended to attribute the deficiency therein mentioned to any neglect of duty on the part of Mr Gardner.

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After careful inquiry upon this point they are satisfied that it was owing to other causes. A part of the scholars in his room were some of those who had been under the charge of Mr. Wilder, and but a short time previous had been transfered to Mr. Gardiner, and the remaining part were brought to examination under such circumstances as entirely to exonerate him from all blame on account of their deficiency. The specification under the charge of undue severity of discipline was that he exacted lessons of boys beyond their capacity, and inflicted stripes upon them for not performing their tasks. Upon enquiry the committee find the facts to be, that after other methods used with idle boys or boys thought to be idle, had failed, he placed before them three alternatives — either to be sufficiently perfect in the lesson; to bring a note from their parents that they had according to their belief, studied it for a certain length of time; or be punished. It is to be observed that these lessons were usually such as were to be committed to memory, requiring the exercise of no other faculty, and to be studied during the evening, at home. The committee find no just foundation for any complaint against Mr. G. they believe him to be a very valuable instructer.

Nothing has been alleged against Mr. Streeter, and the committee believe that his department is well sustained.

The committee are of opinion, that the pupils might make greater advances in classical learning than they now do, in the time which they are required to spend in the School before entering College. Five years it seems to them is a long time to devote to studies, which with few exceptions are merely preparatory to their admission to the University. It is true, that the knowledge which is acquired in the rudiments of the learned languages during this period is accurate and thorough and serves as an excellent discipline to the mind; and the committee have no desire to see a superficial course of education substituted for one that is profound. But they believe that the attainment of this object is not incompatible with a more extended acquaintance with the circle of ancient authors. On the contrary they believe that such an acquaintance would serve as a stimulus to the youthful mind to overcome the obstacles which present themselves in its way, and check its progress. There is more or less of drudgery attending the acquisition of all elementary knowledge which needs to be lightened. The best way to do this, is to show the pupil that all his present painstaking will be amply rewarded by the future harvest which will crown his labors. The instructor in Latin and Greek has great advantages here. The writings of the ancients are represented as a mine of rich and varied learning. If this be so a knowledge of the languages in which they wrote must be the key to these riches. But a man, who, with such inducements before him should be contented with more skill in the grammatical principles of those languages without seeking a closer intimacy with the thoughts and opinions of the sages who wrote in them,

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would resemble him who with a store house of treasures at his command and the key in his hand should amuse himself with locking and unlocking the door instead of entering in to enrich himself with the contents.

It is impossible perhaps to specify any particular reasons for the decrease of interest in the Latin School, which probably many causes more or less remote have been in operation to produce this effect. It is a matter of great delicacy to pass judgment on the conduct of the principal when arraigned at the bar of public opinion. The committee believe Mr. Dillaway has a thorough knowledge of the classics that he understands the system pursued by his immediate predecessors which raised the School to the first rank in the class of seminaries to which it belongs; That he has followed that system in his method of instruction; and has complied with the regulations applicable to his station to the letter. But there is in some teachers a quickening power, a life-giving energy discoverable in every look, word, action and gesture, which shows that their whole souls are engaged in their duties. This influence is communicated to the pupils, and under its sway the task is lightened and a new impulse and direction is given to the powers of the mind. It is the opinion of the committee, that whether from natural temperament or excess of caution or some other cause less of this spirit has manifested itself in Mr. Dillaway than is desirable in one holding his office. A change in this respect would probably be attended with a corresponding change in the aspect of the School.

In conclusion the committee have thought that with the present number of pupils no instructer is needed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Wilder. But since they came to this conclusion the principal has intimated that indications of ill health in one of the present instructers may render an additional one necessary. This subject however, may be left to the discretion of the sub committee of the School.

Respectfully submitted by the committee
George E. Head, Chairman pro tem.

The foregoing report was read and accepted.

The sub-committee of the Latin School nominated Francis Gardner, for re-election to the office of Usher of said School, which nomination was confirmed, and he was appointed accordingly.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest.
(S. C. McCleary, Secretary.)

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's City Hall, on tuesday, the twenty ninth day of December, A. 1835.

Present.

Theodore Lyman, Junior, Mayor, Chairman.

Aldermen Greele and Hayward - Mess.rs Field, Macomber, Palmer, Eveleth, Barrett, Young, and Perry.

Intermediate School

The committee appointed to confer with the committee of the Common Council, respecting the establishment of an intermediate School for children who are too old for the primary schools and not qualified for the English grammar Schools - Reported, that said subject be referred to the next board.

Accepted.

Gerry.

The committee on the petition of Thomas A. Gerry and others, praying that a public school be established at East Boston, reported, that it is inexpedient to grant the same at this time. Accepted.

Messenger

Ordered, that there be allowed and paid to Johnson Colby, one hundred dollars, for his services as messenger to this board the present year.

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Ordered, that there be allowed and paid to the Secretary of this board, one hundred dollars, for his services the present year.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks

Mayor

Thanks to

Resolved, that the thanks of this board be presented to the Hon.ble Theodore Lyman Jun.r for the very able and acceptable manner he has ~~performed~~ presided over their deliberations and performed the other duties appertaining to his office the two last years.

The above passed by a unanimous vote

To which the Chairman made a pertinent reply.

The meeting was then adjourned sine die.

Attest,

E. M. McCleary.

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on Tuesday, the twelfth day of January, A. D. 1836.

The following gentlemen compose the School committee the present year, in pursuance of the late law on that subject.

His Honor Samuel T. Armstrong, Mayor.
Josiah Quincy, Junior, Esquire, President of the Common Council. } ex officio.

From the wards.

Ward No.	1.	John M. Fiske	&	John Gordon
" "	2.	Charles A. Macomber	&	J. Cullen Ayer
" "	3.	Ezra Palmer, Jun.	&	Rev. Chandler Robbins
" "	4.	Joseph Eveletts	&	Samuel H. Walley, Junior
" "	5.	Frederick Emerson	&	George Bartlett
" "	6.	William Minot	&	Henry B. Rogers
" "	7.	Rev. Samuel Barrett	&	Rev. Samuel K. Lothrop
" "	8.	Dr. Chandler Robbins	&	Isaac McLellan, Junior
" "	9.	Zabdiel B. Adams	&	Francis O. Watts
" "	10.	Rev. Alexander Young	&	Ivers J. Austin
" "	11.	Marshall S. Perry	&	George Gay
" "	12.	Rev. Benjamin Whittemore	&	Henry Hatch

All the above appeared and took their seats, except Messrs. Quincy, Gordon, Minot, and Whittemore.

Chairman — The meeting was called to order by the Mayor, and it was voted that the Mayor be Chairman of this board.

Secretary — Voted, to proceed to the (Secretary's) Choice by ballot, and the votes being taken it appeared that Samuel T. McCleary was unanimously chosen.

Books — Ordered, that Messrs. Quincy, Minot, Barrett, Whittemore and Fiske be a standing committee on Books.

Primary Sch. — Ordered, that Messrs. Adams, Hatch and Rogers, be a standing committee to confer with the primary School committee.

Books on finish. — Ordered, that the committee on books be instructed to consider and report upon the expediency and practicability of supplying the pupils of the several schools with books at wholesale prices.

Sub com^ce. The following sub or visiting committees were appointed — vizt.

Latin School	Messrs. Quincy	Messrs.	Rev. C. Robbins
	Barrett		Gay
	Young		Fiske
	Adams		McLellan
	Perry		Ayer
	Palmer		and
	Minot		Walley. —
English High.	Messrs. Dr^t. C. Robbins	Messrs.	Emerson
	Bartlett		Rogers.
	Gordon		Watts
	Eveleth		Whittemore
	Macomber		Hatch &
	Lothrop		Austin. —
Eliot — Messrs.	Fiske	Adams — Messrs.	Young
	Ayer &		Austin
	Gordon.		McLellan.
Hancock — Messrs.	Macomber	Franklin. Messrs.	Perry
	Eveleth		Gay
	Rev. C. Robbins.		Hatch.
Mayhew — Messrs.	Eveleth	Wells. Messrs.	Barrett
	Lothrop		Emerson
	Walley.		Minot
Bowdoin — Messrs.	Palmer	Hawes. Messrs.	Whittemore
	Rogers		Hatch
	Bartlett		Perry.
Boylston — Messrs.	Adams	Smith. Messrs.	Minot
	Dr. Robbins		Emerson &
	Watts.		Barrett.

Rules &c. Ordered, that Messrs. Palmer, Rogers, Gay, Eveleth and Emerson, be a committee on the rules and regulations, of this board; — And that said committee be instructed to consider the expediency of preparing an abstract of such rules and regulations as may be adopted to be circulated among the Citizens at large.

Primary Sch. Com^ce. The following gentlemen were nominated & appointed to have the care and superintendence of the primary schools, and that they be authorized to fill all vacancies which may occur during the year, giving notice to this board of the persons thus chosen.

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George W. Otis, Junr.
Gustavus Morton
Lewis G. Pray.
John P. Bigelow
Samuel Tenney
Francis Brown
John Flint
Fredk A. Sumner
George Rogers
A. A. Gould
Christopher Gore
Samuel Thesoman
Andrew Geyer
John B. McCleary.
Samuel W. Hall
Chandler Robbins
Beza Lincoln
J. B. S. Jackson
James Eastabrook
Thomas Pose
James B. Dow
Daniel T. Coit
John Gulliver
Wm E. Foster
John L. Emmons

J. W. Bourne
John Center
Nathan Merrill
John Mead
Richard Austin
Thos H. Thompson
Joseph W. Ingraham
Alex. H. Twombly
Wm W. Dwight
Rich. W. Bayley
Elijh P. Hartshorn
Elijah Cobb
Aurelius D. Parker
Enoch Hobart
Wm Freeman
Henry Dyer
Henry B. Rogers.
Henry Hatch
Joseph Curtis
Calvin Whiting
Wm Taylor Jr.
Otis Everett, Jr.
Samuel Fowle
Francis Bullard
Edmund Jackson

Wm Bigham
Francis Brown
Saml G. Simpkins
John P. Lathrop
Samuel Howe
Abm G. Wyman
N. L. Wright
Martin Gay
Josiah F. Bumstead
J. K. Marvin
Lorenzo S. Cragin
Saml H. Walley
Edw Codman
Julius A. Palmer
Caleb Cobum
E. M. P. Wells
Alvan Simonds
Joy H. Fairchild
John B. Hobbins
Brewster Raynolds
Mchem H. Mann
Solon Jenkins
Mo. Hunting
Chas F. Barnard
Daniel F. Child.

Adjourned to meet at this place at the regular quarterly meeting on the second tuesday of February next. at 4 o'clock P. M.

Attest

J. B. McCleary

Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the ninth day of February, Anno Domini, 1836. Present.

The whole board, except Messrs. Doctor C. Robbins and the Rev. Mr. Whittemore.

Semi-annual returns.

Semi-annual returns were received from the masters of all the Schools.

Quarterly reports.

Quarterly reports were made by the sub committees of all the Schools, which were read.

The committee on the Adams School among other things reported. "That the usher of this school Mr. Samuel S. Fairbanks, has been for six or seven weeks prevented by illness from attending to his duties. The masters of the School, finding it impossible to perform the additional labors they have thrown upon them, have, with the concurrence of Mr. Fairbanks requested the sub committee to appoint some other person to supply his place until he shall be able to resume his duties, which it is hoped will be in five or six weeks." Read & accepted, & that the sub committee of said school be authorized to engage an usher during the illness of Mr. Fairbanks.

Franklin Sch.

The committee on the Franklin School among other things reported that "since the last examination, Miss Vans one of the female teachers had died, & the committee appointed Miss Elizabeth S. Towne in her place. The committee also nominated Miss Margaret Mann as teacher of the boys School. Read and accepted, and the nomination of Miss Towne and Miss Mann as above, was confirmed and they were appointed accordingly.

Wells Sch.

The sub committee of the Wells School nominated Miss Charlotte Butter, as assistant teacher in place of Miss Blaney resigned. The other part of the report, respecting paying the expense of the last sickness and funeral expences of Miss Eliza B. Hayden late an assistant teacher in said School, referred to Messrs. Quincy, Minot and McLellan, to consider and report.

Smiths Sch.

The sub committee of the Smith School among other things reported, that the master states that the following books are required by indigent Scholars whose parents are unable to provide them. Geography & Atlas, 9 Copies; Grammars 18; — Spelling books 18; — Introduction to National reader, 7; First class book 6; Arithmetic part 1. 18. part 2. 9 part 3. 3. Read & accepted and thereupon ordered that the sub committee of said School be authorized to procure the above books, to be paid from the Smith fund. All the other reports were accepted.

Parker's Pet^n Franklin Sch.

Petition of R. G. Parker, stating that the clock in the grammar department of the Franklin School is become unsafe & praying that a new one may be procured to re-place the old one. Referred to the sub committee of that School with full power to procure a new Clock.

Hancock Sch.

Voted, That the sub committee of the Hancock School be instructed with full power to provide a new clock for that School.

Badger

Petition of Walter Badger to be employed to teach writing in the Schools. Referred to Dr. Adams, Messrs Fiske and Gay, to consider and report

Rules & Orders.

The committee appointed to prepare rules & orders of the School committee made a report which was read and thereupon ordered that fifty copies of the preamble and rules be printed for the use of the members of this board.

Boylston Sch.

Ordered, That Messrs Minot, Lothrop, Bartlett, Eveleth and Ayers, be a committee with full power to hear and determine the complaint of George G. Smith against the grammar master of the Boylston School, in relation to a pupil in said School.

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned to meet at this place on tuesday the eighth day of March next, at four o'Clock, P. M.

Adjourned to that time & place accordingly.

Attest.

E. McCleary,

Secretary.

Huntington's Geography.

Petition of S. S. Sumner, Agent for R. White Hutchinson, Davis, Publishers at Hartford Con^t of Huntington's Geography, to have said book introduced into the Schools. Referred to the committee on books.

Attest.

E. McCleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the eighth day of March, Anno Domini, 1836.

Present — The whole board except Mr. Chandler Robbins.

Adams Sch. Usher

The sub committee of the Adams School — Report, That in conformity with the vote passed at the last meeting authorizing them to procure a temporary supply during the illness of Mr. Samuel S. Fairbanks, the usher of said School, they have engaged the services of Mr. George Allen, who entered on his duties, Monday, February 15th — Read and accepted.

Wells Sch. Instructors

The committee who were directed to examine into the power of this board to appropriate seventy dollars to defray the expenses of the sickness and funeral of Miss Eliza C. Hayden, late an assistant teacher in the Wells School, as recommended by the sub committee, respectfully — Report, That the School committee as such, have not the power to make appropriations for any purpose whatever: That the only power proposed by them in relation to pecuniary matters is contained in the ordinance of March 23d 1830, by this they are authorized to distribute the annual sum which shall be appropriated by the City Council for salaries of instructers in the public schools, so fixing the amount of the salary of each instructer as that in no case shall the aggragate ~~of xxxxx~~ ~~proviso~~ amount of all such salaries exceed the whole sum which shall have been so appropriated by said Council. Your committee therefore report, that said appropriation cannot be made by this board.

Read and accepted.

Books at wholesale prices.

The committee who were directed to consider the expediency of procuring books for the use of Schools at wholesale prices — ask leave to Report, That in their opinion one of two modes must be adopted to carry such an arrangement into effect. The City must either agree with some bookseller to furnish all the books of all kinds at wholesale prices, or it must purchase them by the quantity from all the publishers and establish a depot and appoint agents to distribute them. The first mode appears all but impracticable to your committee. No bookseller can sell at wholesale prices, that is without a profit directly to the consumer, and if any one should undertake to do it, as the copy rights belong to different individuals, it would be in their power as it would be for their interest to prevent his fulfilling his contract. As to the second mode, the expense, the risk and the loss in case of any change being made in the text books of the Schools renders its adoption inadviseable in the opinion of your committee.

As it does not appear that exorbitant prices have been charged for books. As by a little pains on the part of the instructers they are obtained now at reduced prices. And as the saving of each individual parent would

be trifling while the loss of the writers & vendors of books who ought to be encouraged would be great. Your committee unanimously report that it is inexpedient at the present time to take any order on this subject. For the standing Cte on books. Josiah Quincy, Jr. Chairman

Read and accepted.

Young Ladies Class book.

Communication of Messrs. Gould, Kendall & Lincoln publishers of the Young Ladies class book, by Ebenezer Bailey, and praying that the same may be introduced into the Schools of this City. Referred to the committee on books.

Franklin School.

Communication of the Master of the Franklin School respecting the crowded state of that School. Read & referred to the Sub committee of said School.

Farrar

Application of John Farrar, professor of Mathematics & Natural Philosophy in Harvard University, for the loan of instruments from the apparatus belonging to the High School. Read and granted under the direction of the Sub committee of that School.

Wheeler

Communication of Abel Wheeler, respecting those pupils who are instructed in the basement story of the Boylston School. Read and filed.

Smith-vs Master of Boylston Sch.

The sub committee to whom was referred the complaint of Mr. George G. Smith against Mr. Fox, the Master of the Boylston school, having met & heard the parties, and respectfully submit to the School committee the following report. That in their opinion the act of Mr. Fox complained of was within the authority of the master of a public school. His conduct in relation to the young lady who is the cause of the complaint was justifiable under the circumstances of the case. The sub committee wish that the young lady should continue in the School, & that Mr. Fox would receive her, & place her in the rank which she formerly held, without prejudice from her absence or any other cause. Read & accepted. After which a letter from the above named George G. Smith requesting to be heard before the whole board. The acceptance of the foregoing report was re-considered, and thereupon ordered, that the parties interested be notified to attend before this board at its next meeting.

Primary Sch. Com. of Inf

The committee of Conference with the primary School committee had a meeting when the following facts were presented.

by the committee of the primary board. That that board has power to provide instruction for children between the ages of 4 & 8 years only. That in some of the extreme parts of the City where it is difficult for children of any age to attend the grammar Schools, it has been thought advisable heretofore & in one case the special power granted to them to establish Schools where larger & older children might be temporarily admitted. This has been done on the Mill Dam, and at East Boston. It is ascertained that there are a sufficient number of children now residing in East Boston to require an additional primary school, and the standing committee of the primary School board have passed a vote to establish such School provided the School committee should acquiesce in its propriety & necessity; and grant them the power to admit children over eight years of age. Your committee therefore feeling with the primary board, the importance of providing instruction for the children at East Boston; but at the same time, feeling that this committee are not yet prepared for various reasons, to establish a grammar school at that part of the City. They would respectfully recommend that the following vote be passed, and that the Secretary of this board be requested to transmit the same to the standing committee of the primary board.

Voted, That until otherwise ordered, children over eight years of age, may be permitted to attend any primary Schools which may be established at East Boston. Read, accepted & voted accordingly.

Vagrant & idle boys.

The following orders were read — viz: —

In Common Council Feb. 25. 1836.

Ordered, That Messrs Gould, Snow & Grant, with such as the board of Aldermen may join, be a committee to confer with the School committee to consider & report what measures can be adopted more effectually to secure the attendance at School of vagrant & idle boys; — Also to inquire if any measures can be devised to improve the character of our Public Schools, or to prevent the unnecessary increase of expense in their internal economy, now that two new School houses are ready for use. Sent up for concurrence.

Josiah Quincy, Jr. President.

In the board of Aldermen, February 29. 1836. Read & concurred and the Mayor and Aldermen Lyscle and Quincy are joined.

Jam.s F. Armstrong. Mayor.

Whereupon ordered, that Messrs Quincy, Fiske, Minot, Watts, Gay and Bartlett be a committee to confer with the committee of the City Council upon the foregoing subject.

Rules & regulations.

The board took into consideration the following report — viz: The committee on the rules and regulations of the School committee, with instructions to consider the expediency of preparing an abstract

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of such rules & regulations as may be adopted, to be circulated among the citizens at large; having attended to the duties assigned them, respectfully remark — That they have carefully examined the existing regulations: and have, moreover, attentively compared the present Code with those of previous School committees. In this perusal, observing that the general out line, plan and method of expression which characterize the present rules, have obtained for several years past, they have preferred to disturb them in these respects, as little as possible. They have concluded, however, to submit a few amendments to the consideration of the Board. These few amendments, your committee consider as of much importance: they would therefore state, without delay, that they comprise:

I. 1st. An adaptation of the Regulations to the present organization of the Board: The necessity of this change is self-evident.

II. 2ndly. An introduction of an uniform classification of pupils, which shall be common to all the grammar & writing schools of the City. If an arrangement like the plan suggested in the submitted regulations, should be rendered universal, your committee believe that many benefits will result to the schools. Among others, may be mentioned a facility in determining the relative excellence of similar schools and an ease in making transfers from one school to another.

III. 3rdly. A change of the day of exhibition of the Girls' schools. This exhibition, by the present rules, occurs in November, at an uncomfortable season of the year, and apart from all similar occurrences. The propriety of its taking place in this month, has ceased. The girls formerly attended school but a part of the year; and, as their term of study expired in November, the exhibition very naturally occurred at that time. Now that they attend during the whole year, it seems desireable that it should happen at a period that custom has decided to be more appropriate.

IV. 4thly. A change in the regulations of the English High School. The proposed amendments in connection with this School, are the result of an interview with its intelligent master. The most material change relates to an arrangement of the pupils into divisions, rather than into classes. By the proposed plan, the rounds of the ladder will be less wide apart: and while the studious boy may step from division to division more easily than from class to class, the boy who occupies a position for which he is not quite competent, may be accommodated by a less marked descent than at present, with his ambition comparatively unimpaired, and divested of the idea, that by his change of location he has lost a whole year.

V. 5thly. A classification of the writing department. The want of an exprepsed division into classes in this department, with the studies to be

be pursued by each, must have been felt by every member of the board. At present, it is difficult to compare the different portions of one writing school with the corresponding portions of another. The classification proposed, it is believed, will be found practicable.

VI. 6thly. In equalization of the Reading and writing schools as to rank and salary. It may not be known to all the members of the present board, that differences of this kind exist. It certainly is not known to the citizens generally; if it were, we should be sent here with definite instructions to make the rank and pay of the masters of these schools equal. Upon what principle can the present inequality depend?— Are the Mathematics inferior to, or are they more readily obtained than, a knowledge of grammar?— Will an individual of fewer attainments, of inferior ability, answer as an instructer in Arithmetic and Algebra?— Is the merchant comparatively indifferent to the Arithmetic, Book-keeping and Penmanship of his clerk, and principally intent upon his being competent to read fluently, parse correctly, and answer faultlessly all geographical questions?—

Still farther, does the writing master consume less time in instruction?— Does he labour with less ardor, less devotion to the interests of the City?— Can his expenses be less?— Can he provide himself with a house at a less rate, can he purchase the necessaries of life with less money, than his fellow tenant of the same School house?— If not, why this distinction in rank, and why the consequent difference in salary that now exists?—

The inequality recognized by the present regulations is a modified form of a system introduced into the board, in 1830; a system, of difficult birth; almost universally deprecated by the whole City & consequently short lived: a system of universal subjection in every School house to the will of one man: a system, whose principal feature was, an annihilation of the commercial department of the Schools. This autocratical arrangement continued but two years, when the board returned to the old order of things: viz. a re-establishment of distinct grammar and writing schools. In the following year, (1833) an effort was made, and was barely successful in creating a difference of rank in those two orders of schools and denominating the grammar master the Head master of both. The continuance of this partial restoration, effected not without a respectable opposition, was the source of some disquietude to its friends: they, therefore, in 1834, proposed to dispense with the epithet "Head master," while they retained the superiority of rank for the grammar master. The regulations, adopted in 1834, are still in force, although their retention has depended on small majorities which were the result of accident, and therefore they cannot be said in reality to have been the expression of the School committee.

Why should the writing schools be considered appendages to the grammar Schools? Why should they not occupy a position independant, distinct,

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uncontrolled? Why should they not enjoy their original freedom? The writing schools existed prior to the grammar schools. The want of this department of public instruction was first experienced. The grammar school or department, was created subsequently to the writing department. The two, viz: the grammar school and the writing school, after the creation of the former did not necessarily occupy the same building. The pupil was not obliged to attend both schools. He might attend one or the other exclusively. He might attend the writing school of one building and the grammar school of another. This was the condition of things in the early period of our Public School history. And, although at a somewhat later period, the pupil was obliged to attend both schools, still the independence of both departments was preserved; & each continued exempt from foreign control till the revolution of 1830 above alluded to. Be it remembered that for nearly half a century, prior to this date, the grammar schools and writing schools were equal; equal in rank: equal in pay: equally independent, & equally free from liability to extraneous dictation. This period of time was characterized by harmony among the instructors: the Mathematics were honored & honorable in all: and the branches of instruction preparatory to the counting room were deemed worthy of being taught by a master second to no one.

Your Committee trust that the board will consider the objections contained under this head as levelled against the existing Regulations only. They are happy to state that they are inapplicable to the present management & operation of the public schools of this City, at least, so far as the committee are acquainted. Here is one instance of a want of correspondence between theory & practice. Rules & regulations concocted in the closet cannot always meet the wants of the parties requiring direction. The grammar master has discovered that one school is as much that 200 a 300 pupils are as many, as he can possibly direct. The grammar master is convinced that the master of one ship might as well attempt to reach the wheel of another in another ocean and direct her course, as he attempt to manage two schools of different grades; he therefore leaves the direction of the writing school to the writing master; & confines himself to the department over which he more appropriately presides. The sincere & only wish of your committee, therefore, is to amend the existing regulations, so that they may meet the case as it now stands: so that the regulations may be applicable to the present operation of our public schools. Those exceptionable portions being now dead letter & consequently useless, had better be removed. Let them not mar that, which without them, may possibly be unexceptionable. Let them not remain to worry, irritate, degrade

degrade, to stamp with the seal of inferiority, a class of men, who by their attainments, their value, the benefits of education they have conferred, and are conferring upon the youth of this City, are entitled to expect better things of us.

Your committee recommend, that, instead of distributing an abstract of the regulations among the pupils, the regulations entire be distributed to the members of the City Council, to the members of the several boards connected with the City government, and to the several ward officers throughout the City.

In concluding these prefatory remarks, your committee report the following Copy of the Regulations. [See on file]

Mr. Gordon made a motion that the following votes be passed viz:

Voted, that the report of the committee on the rules and regulations of the Schools be committed to a special committee of this board, with instructions to report the rules & regulations which are now in force, making the preamble to said rules to conform to the existing law relating to the election of this committee.

Voted, that in the two new schools about to be established in the City there shall be one master and four assistants in each, who shall be the instructors in the branches now taught in the grammar and writing departments of the public schools of the City.

Yeas & Nays.

The foregoing being read, a division of the question was called for, and the yeas and nays being required by a majority of the members present were taken on the first part of the motion, as follows viz: Yeas - Messrs. Josiah Quincy, Junior, John M. Fiske, John Gordon, J. Cullen Ayer, Wm. Minot, Samuel Barrett, and George Gay. . . . . 7.

Nays - Messrs. Charles A. Macomber, Ezra Palmer, jr. Chandler Robbins (Wo. 3) Joseph Eveleth, Samuel D. Walley, jr. Frederick Emerson, George Bartlett, Henry B. Rogers, Samuel K. Lothrop, Isaac McLellan jr. Zabdiel B. Adams, Francis C. Watts, Alexander Young, Ivers J. Austin, Marshall S. Perry, & Benjamin Whittemore. 16.

So said motion did not prevail. The question was taken on passing the second vote and it was determined in the negative.

Yeas & Nays

A motion was then made to strike out the whole of the sixth section, and the yeas and nays being required by a majority of the members present, and were taken as follows viz:

Yeas - Messrs. Quincy, Fiske, Gordon, Ayer, Walley, Bartlett, Minot, Rogers, Barrett, Lothrop, McLellan, Adams, Watts, Young, Austin, Perry and Gay . . . . 17.

Nays - Messrs. Macomber, Palmer, Robbins (No. 3.) Eveleth, Emerson & Whittemore . . . 6.

So said motion prevailed, and said report was amended accordingly. The report was then laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Austin

Com.

Voted, that the whole subject of the regulations be committed to a separate

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committee, with instructions to report, at the next meeting, on Wednesday the 16th instant upon the expediency of an organization based on the system of 1830. Read and passed, and Messrs. Austin, Fiske, Adams, Ayer and Perry were nominated and appointed as the committee.

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned, to meet at this place, on Wednesday, the 16th instant, at 4 o'Clock, p.m.

Adjourned to that time and place accordingly.

Attest

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday, the sixteenth day of March, Anno Domini, 1836.

Present.

The whole board except Dr. Chandler Robbins.

Smith vs. Boylston Sch. master

The board took into consideration the report of the committee on the complaint of George G. Smith against Mr. Fox, the master of the Boylston School, and on the question of acceptance of said report, it was decided in the negative.

Agreeably to assignment, Mr. Smith was heard before the board, in his accusation against the master of the Boylston School, and Mr. Fox was heard in his defence.

Thereupon resolved, that in the opinion of this board, the act of Mr. Fox, complained of was within the authority of the master of a public school, and his conduct in relation to the young lady who is the cause of the complaint was justifiable under the circumstances of the case.

Resolved, that Mr. Fox receive again into his school, said young lady, and place her in the rank she formerly held, without prejudice from her absence or any other cause; - provided, she make to him a suitable apology. If he does.

Jellison, Shipley Leman

Remonstrance of Zachariah Jellison, & others, Inhabitants of Ward No. 5, against the adoption of the System of 1830, again in the schools. Petition of Simon G. Shipley, & others, Inhabitants of the northern wards, requesting, that no alteration be made in the present

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School system, other than making the grammar and writing ~~xxxxxx~~ Schools distinct, and the rank of the masters equal. And the memorial of John Leman, Nathan. Inhabitants of ward No. 9. respecting the rules & regulations of the School committee. All read and referred to the committee, who have under consideration, the rules and regulations of the School committee.

Hall

Petition of William Hall, praying that an inquiry may be made and cognizance taken by this board of a demand which he alleges to have against Abel Wheeler, writing master of the Boylston School, for one hundred dollars devised to him said Hall, by the last will of Judge Child late of the State of Mississippi, and transmitted as said Hall alleges, to him said Wheeler. Read & thereupon ordered, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Rules &c.

Mr. Austin, Chairman of the committee on rules & regulations, stated, that the committee was ready to report. The reading of wch was postponed to the next meeting.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned, to meet at this place, on the first tuesday of April next, at seven o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned to that time and place accordingly.

Attest,
E. M'Cleary,
Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on tuesday, the fifth day of April, A. D. 1836.

Present

The whole board, except Mr. Macomber & Dr. Robbins.

Rules &c.

The report of the special committee, who were instructed to consider the whole subject of the regulations, and also to report upon the expediency based on the system of 1830. — was read —

Rules &c. concern.

A motion was made by Mr. Fiske, to have the original report, together with the last named report ~~the~~ referred to a Special committee, with instructions to report, a code of rules for the government of the committee, and the publick schools &c. as on file.

Field's mem.

Memorial of Barnum Field; grammar master of the Hancock School, concerning a letter and instructions sent him by the sub committee of that School; directing him not to interfere with the dress or general appearance of the Scholars; provided the same is becoming, that

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in their opinion the curling of hair by the misses cannot be considered unbecoming or disrespectful. Read and referred to Messrs Hatch, Fiske, McLellan, Watts & Perry, to consider and report.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned, to meet at this place, on tuesday, the 12th instant, at Seven o'Clock, P. M.

Adjourned to that time & place accordingly.

Attest

S. H. McCleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on tuesday, the twelfth day of April, Anno Domini, 1836.—

Present—

The whole board, except Messrs Eveleth, Hatch & Dr Robbins.

Rules &c. Voted, that the proceedings of the Chairman in causing the last report of the committee upon rules & regulations of the Schools to be printed, be approved.

Rep'd The board took into consideration the motion of Mr. Fiske, made at the last meeting. A motion was made to amend said motion, by inserting in the 2d section, in the 2d line after the word that, the following "in all the schools hereafter to be established, and in all the existing schools whenever there shall be a vacancy by death or resignation." which motion prevailed and the same was amended accordingly. The following words were stricken out of said motion—viz: "in the two new schools about to be established."—

Said motion as amended is as follows, viz:

Voted, that the report on the rules & regulations now on the table of this committee appointed to consider the expediency of adopting a system based upon the system of the year eighteen hundred & thirty be committed to a special committee of five members of this board, His Honor the Mayor to be a member, & its chairman, with instructions to report a code of rules, for the government of this committee; and the publick schools, which shall embrace the following regulations:—

1st In the ten grammar & writing schools now established in this

City

there shall be a master & usher in the grammar department, & a master & usher in the writing department which are exclusively attended by boys — In those where females exclusively attend, there shall be a master & three female apistants in each department. In those where boys & girls both attend, the place of one of the ushers shall be supplied by three female apistants. The Hawes school, & the Smith School are exceptions to the above rule.

In every school the grammar master & the writing master shall each have the regulation & control of his particular ~~school~~ department, so far as regards the clapification, & the mode of instruction, & the discipline of his pupils, provided, that the regulations of one department do not interfere with those of the other; but in all cases involving the interests of both departments, where a difference of opinion or conflict of authority shall arise the grammar master shall hopep paramount authority.

2d. The committee is further instructed to report, as a part of said regulations, that all the schools hereafter to be established, & in all the existing schools whenever there shall be a vacancy by death or resignation in the writing department, there shall be a master, & two ushers, & a suitable number of female apistants in each school; and a teacher of penmanship whose time shall be divided between the new schools — The master of each of said new schools shall be considered the responsible head of the school, & shall give his personal attention to each department of the school. The master to appoint his apistants, with the approbation of the sub committee of the school.

Lastly. The committee is instructed to report such other regulations for the government of this committee, and the schools, conforming to these instructions, as past experience may induce them to believe will best promote the good of the Schools; and adopting, as far as possible the code of rules now in force.

Upon accepting and passing the foregoing as amended the yeas and nays being required by a majority of the members present, & were taken as follows viz: Yeas — Messrs Quincy, Fiske, Gordon, Ayers, Walley, Lothrop, Mc Lellan, Adams, Young, Minot, Gay, Bartlett & Rogers . . . . . 13.

Nays — Messrs Macomber, Palmer, Rev. C. Robbins, Emerson, Barrett, Watts, Justin, Perry and Whittemore 9.

So the same was adopted, and the Chairman, Messrs Fiske, Minot, Young and Perry were appointed a committee to carry the same into effect, and report to this board.

Schools new ones.

Ordered, That the Chairman, Messrs Justin & Quincy, be a committee to consider and report suitable names to be given the two new schools on East and Tremont streets.

The board then adjourned.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary, Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday, the twentieth day of April, Anno Domini, 1836.

Present.

The Mayor and the whole board except Dr. Robbins & Mr. Hatch.

Hancock School

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of Barnum Field, grammar master of the Hancock School concerning a letter & instructions sent him by the Sub committee of that School, directing him not to interfere with the dress & general appearance of the School &c.

Respectfully report,

That they have had a conference with the Sub committee of the Hancock School, and that those gentlemen disclaim any intention of having acted in opposition to the wishes of this board, or of having given any order contrary to the spirit of any vote which has received the approbation of the board. They think that the order sent by them to the masters of the Hancock School was within the authority vested in them by the School regulations, and that it was for the good of the school that they sent it.

Your committee believe that those gentlemen were actuated by the purest motives, but they are compelled to differ from their opinion so far as it regards their authority. They do not believe that any sub committee have the power of nullifying any act of the whole board; and it is their unanimous opinion that the order which was sent to the masters of the Hancock School was in direct opposition to the spirit & phraseology of the vote which almost unanimously passed this board in relation to this subject is connected with the Boylston School, that it was in fact a nullification of that vote so far as that went to establish the authority of the master. Your committee would therefore recommend the following vote.

Voted, that the Secretary be directed to inform the masters of the Hancock School, that the order from the sub-committee of that School, directing them not to interfere with the dress & general appearance of the scholars &c. is revoked. M. A. Perry, Chairman

The foregoing report was considered, and after discussion was accepted 14 for & 4 against the same.

Hancock Sch. Sub com.e excused

Messrs. Macomber, Eveleth and Robbins, were at their own request excused from serving on the sub committee of the Hancock School.

Field & Mackintosh

Memorials of Barnum Field, grammar master, & Peter Mackintosh, Junior, writing master of the Hancock School, severally making sundry allegations against each other, as mentioned in their several memorials, and praying that inquiry may be made by this board.

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respecting the subject matter of their several allegations. The several memorials were read, and several witnesses were examined on each side.

Voted, that when this board adjourn, that they adjourn to meet at this place, tomorrow, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned to that time and place accordingly.

Attest

S. M. Cleary

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Thursday, the twenty first day of April, Anno Domini, 1836.

Present—

The Chairman and the whole board except Messrs Lothrop, Dr. C. Robbins, Whittemore and Hatch.

Hancock Sch. Sub com.

Messrs Rogers, McLellan and Walley were nominated and appointed on the sub committee of the Hancock School.

Austin

Memorial of Richard Austin & others, parents and guardians of children who attend or have attended the Hancock School, praying that Mr. Mackintosh the present writing master may be continued in said School.— Which was read.

Masters transferred

Voted, that John P. Lathrop writing master of the Wells School be transferred to the Hancock School and that Peter Mackintosh Junior, writing master of the last named School, be transferred to the former.

Voted, that in the opinion of this board, it is expedient to transfer Barnum Field, grammar master of the Hancock School, from his present situation in that school, to some other public school, as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made.

Voted, that the sub committee of the Hancock School be instructed to carry the foregoing votes into effect, by making the necessary arrangements therefor.

Master— Secretary to advertize

Voted, that a grammar master for the new School on Fremont Street be appointed at the quarter meeting of this board in May next, and that the Secretary advertize that applications for said office will be received until that time.

Motion ref.d

A motion was made that the following votes be passed, viz.t

Voted, That in all cases in which one of the masters of our public schools shall deem it necessary to speak to his associate in the same school, upon any matter where a difference of opinion or conflict of authority may arise, the conversation shall be held privately and not in presence of any of the pupils of the School.

Voted, That no master shall be allowed to question his scholars with respect to the character, conduct or conversation of his associate in the same school; nor to them in relation to the same.

Voted, That whenever a misunderstanding between the masters of the same school, shall have become so serious & public as to impair their authority as masters, or weaken the feeling of respect for them as men in the minds of the pupils;— it shall be the duty of this board forthwith to remove the masters from the School over which they are placed.

The foregoing read and referred, to the com.e who have under consideration the rules and regulations of this board to consider and report.

Messr.s Gay, Eveleth, and the Rev. C. Robbins were nominated and appointed on the sub committee of the new School on Tremont Street.

The board then adjourned

Attest

E. M. McCleary.

Secretary.

Meeting to be called

Boston, April 23.d 1836.

To the Hon. Sam.l T. Armstrong

Chairman of the School committee

for the City of Boston— Dear Sir,

The undersigned members of the School committee for the City of Boston, ask that a special meeting of the board may be called for tuesday or wednesday next at such hour as may best suit your convenience.

Yours respectfully,

Chas. A. Macomber

Chas.d Robbins

Ezra Palmer, Jr.

At a special meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on tuesday, the twenty sixth day of April, Anno Domini, 1836.

Present

The Chairman, and the whole board except Messrs. Quincy Dr. C. Robbins, Rev. C. Robbins, Barrell, Whittemore & Hatch.

Schools named.

The committee appointed to consider & report suitable names to be given the new schools in East and Tremont Street having attended to the subject, ask leave to report— Report— That the names by which the existing schools are now known have been given it may be presumed in honor, or in remembrance of individuals who have adorned or served the country. Among those who have in an eminent degree been thus distinguished; and who should be had in remembrance for their services, your sub committee believe that John Winthrop the first Governor of Massachusetts may be placed high on the list of public spirited benefactors. They recommend that one of these schools bear the name of Winthrop in remembrance of Governor John Winthrop.

One of these schools will be, it is understood, appropriated for females, for that school your sub committee have selected the name of a distinguished and revered female; Arbella Johnson, the daughter of the Earl of Lincoln, and wife of Isaac Johnson, one of the first settlers of Massachusetts, the fortitude, courage and piety of this Lady are known to all who are conversant with the early history of Massachusetts. Her example in all that adorns the character of woman, commands our admiration and may be safely held forth for imitation to those of her own sex in this favored place & period. They therefore recommend the adoption of the subjoined resolutions

For the committee. Sam. T. Armstrong.

Resolved, That the new school in East Street be appropriated for boys, and known by the name of Winthrop School.

Resolved, That the new School in Tremont Street be appropriated for girls, and known by the name of Johnson School.

Read & accepted, & the resolutions passed.

Johnson School

Mr. Gay was excused, on his own request from serving on the sub committee of the Johnson School, and Mr. Austin was appointed in his place

Winthrop School

Messrs. Gay, Macomber and Lothrop, were nominated & appointed on the sub committee of the Winthrop School.

Hancock School

Memorials were received & read, from Benjamin Abrahams & others, Citizens of the three northern wards, and the Senior pupils of Hancock School

School, praying that Peter Mackintosh, Jr. writing master of said School may be continued as such master and not removed to another

Hancock School.

Voted, That the order of this board, passed at its last meeting, transferring Mr. Peter Mackintosh, Jr. one of the writing masters, from the Hancock to the Wells School, is hereby revoked, and said Mackintosh is hereby restored to the Hancock school, as its writing master.

Voted, that the sub committee of the Hancock ~~School~~ and Wells Schools be instructed forthwith to carry into effect this order, by replacing Mr. Mackintosh in the office of writing master of the Hancock School, and Mr. Lathrop in the same station in the Wells School.

Voted, that by this order it is not intended to express any opinion relative to the unfortunate disputes between Mr. Field and Mr. Mackintosh, which have been presented to the notice of this board by their complaints and memorials.

Masters transferred.

The sub committee of the Hancock School reported that they had made an arrangement, whereby, Mr. Parker ~~is to be~~ grammar master of the Franklin School has been transferred to the former school, and Mr. Field grammar master of the Hancock School has been transferred to the Franklin school. The above arrangement has been made with the consent of those gentlemen. Read, accepted & ordered accordingly.

(The committee was then adjourned).

Attest.

S. F. McCleary,

Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on tuesday, the tenth day of May, Anno Domini, 1836.

Present_

The Chairman, and the whole board except Messr. Quincy, Lothrop, Dr. Robbins and McLellan.

Qu. Reports. Quarterly reports were made by the sub committees of all the Schools which were severally read and accepted.

Eng. High School. The committee on the English High School among other things reported, that the Secretary be directed to publish in several of the public newspapers the following notice_ English High School. At a meeting of the School committee May 10. 1836. it was resolved, that the ensuing and all future examinations of candidates for admission into the English High School shall be thoroughly made and continued until satisfactory evidence is obtained that each candidate, whether from the grammar schools or otherwise, is properly qualified in reading_ spelling_ writing english grammar_ geography_ and the elementary parts of arithmetic. And every candidate not so qualified shall be rejected.

Per order_ Signed_ Secretary

Accepted and ordered accordingly.

Mayhew School. The committee on the Mayhew School among other things reported, "that the Usher has been sick for a large part of the quarter and his absence for several weeks has been temporily supplied by the committee. Mr. Wyman who has been appointed during the absence of the usher, has become acquainted with the scholars and appears to be giving them such instruction as will render their appearance more satisfactory in reading & spelling on the next examination. The above appointment was confirmed.

Bowdoin Sch. The committee on the Bowdoin School among other things reported, that they recommend for the situation of assistant teacher in the grammar school_ Miss Sarah B. Johnson, in the place of Miss Affa M. Gray, resigned. Also for the situation of assistant teacher in the writing School Miss Mary L. Robinson in the place of Miss Katherine Whitney resigned. The above nominations were confirmed.

Adams Sch. The committee on the Adams School among other things reported, that Miss Langford, the assistant in the boys School resigned her place on the 1st. instant. As it was expected the Johnson School would soon be opened, the committee have not thought it expedient to fill this vacancy.

Hawes Sch. Petition of the Masters of the Hawes School, that an Usher may be appointed for that School. Referred to the sub committee of said School, who reported verbally that an Usher be appointed accordingly. Read and accepted.

Philos. appas for Schools The Chairman communicated the following order of the City Council viz:

Ordered, That the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated to the purchase of a suitable Philosophical apparatus for each of the seven public grammar Schools for girls in this City, and that the same be taken from the appropriation for public Schools, and placed at the disposal of the School committee. Read and thereupon ordered, that Messrs. Gay, Gordon and Bartlett, be a committee to procure said apparatus for the above Schools.

Franklin Sch. Memorial of the pupils of the Franklin Schools in relation to the transfer of the grammar master from that school. Read & placed on file.

School returns Voted, That the Chairman be a committee to prepare and make a return of the Schools of the City, agreeably to law.

Rules & regulations. The sub committee to whom was referred two reports with instructions to report a code of rules for the government of this committee & the public schools, have attended to that service & ask leave respectfully to submit the accompanying document as the result of their labors. They beg to say, that as well from their own convictions of what is most expedient at this time as from the instructions with which they were favored, they have deviated as little as seemed to be necessary from the existing regulations; being fully persuaded that frequent changes & much legislation are undesireable in conducting these Schools. Much may with safety & propriety & must of necessity be left to the wisdom, prudence and fidelity of the instructors.

For the committee. Sam. T. Armstrong.

The rules and regulations being amended, thereupon ordered, that fifty copies be printed, and that the Secretary cause one copy to be delivered to each member of this board, to be considered at the next meeting of this board.

Voted that when this board adjourn, it adjourn to meet at this place on tuesday the 24th instant at 4 o'Clock, P. M.

Adjourned to that time & place accordingly.

Attest, E. H. McCleary, Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on tuesday, the twenty fourth day of May, Anno Domini, 1836.

Present.

The Chairman, and the whole board ~~[illegible]~~ except ~~Mess.~~ Rev. Mr Lothrop and Dr. C. Robbins.

Eng. gram. Sch. Ordered that Mess.rs Rogers, Lothrop and Austin be a committee to visit the English grammar Schools, and critically examine the pupils in all the branches taught therein, in order to ascertain the condition of those schools, and to report previous to the annual election of the instructers, that the appointments of the board on that occasion may be judiciously made.

Writing Sch. Ordered, that Mess.rs Fiske, Walley and Hatch, be a committee to visit and examine the pupils in all the branches taught in the writing schools and report at the time and for the purpose above expressed.

Rules &c. passed. The board took into consideration the report of the committee, who were appointed to report a code of rules for the government of this committee and the public schools, which was made at the last meeting and printed and distributed to the several members of this board, which report after discussion was amended and considered by Chapters, & passed as amended.

Motion to amend A motion was made to reconsider the 4th Chapter as amended for the purpose of striking out the 5th section of said Chapter which is in the words following viz:

5. Whenever a vacancy in the writing department of any grammar school shall occur by reason of the death or resignation, ~~[illegible]~~ of a writing master, such grammar school shall be forthwith organized in the manner prescribed above for the Johnson and Winthrop Schools. Upon this question the yeas and nays being required by a majority of the members present were taken as follows

Yeas viz: Yeas — Mess.rs Fiske, Gordon, Macomber, Ayer, Palmer, Eveleth, Emerson, Bartlett, McLellan, and Whittemore . . . . . 10.

Nays Nays. Mess.rs Quincy, Walley, Minot, Rogers, Adams, Watts, Young, Austin, Perry and Gay. 10.

The Chairman declared it not to be a vote, he giving his vote in the negative.

Barry Memorial of James Barry, & 140 others, in favor of K. G. Parker, Master of the Hancock School's being transferred as Master of the Johnson School. Read and filed.

Adams Sch.

The Sub committee of the Adams School nominated Emily N. Gray as an assistant teacher in place of Miss Elizabeth Langford resigned, which nomination was confirmed & she was appointed accordingly.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to meet at this place on Thursday, next, 4 o'Clock, P. M.

Adjourned to that time and place accordingly.

Attest

S. F. McCleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the City Hall, on Thursday, the twenty sixth day of May, Anno Domini, 1836.

Present—

The Chairman and the whole board except the Rev. Mr. Lothrop and Dr. Robbins.

Rules & Regs to be printed.

Voted, that four hundred copies of the revised rules and regulations be printed.

Johnson Sch. Master chosen

Voted, to proceed to the choice of a master of the Johnson School, the names of the several candidates were read also such documents as were called for by the members of the School committee.

Messrs. Eveleth and Watts were appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for a master as aforesaid, who reported, that the whole number was 23.

Necessary for a choice 12.

William J. Adams had 13.

And he was chosen.

Masters transferred

Ordered, that Mr. Richard G. Parker, grammar master of the Hancock School be transferred to the Johnson Sch. and Mr. Wm. J. Adams be transferred to the grammar department of the Hancock School. Thirteen voting for, and seven against the same.

Winthrop Sch. Master chosen

Voted, to proceed to the choice of Master of the Winthrop School, and the above named Committee were appointed to receive, sort and count the votes, who reported, that they found the whole number to be 23.

Necessary for a choice 12.
Franklin Forbes had 12
And he was chosen.

Female teachers

Voted, That no change be made in the present female teachers until the next meeting of this board.

The meeting was then adjourned.
Attest,
S. W. McCleary,
Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on tuesday, the ninth day of August, Anno Domini, 1836.

Present

The Chairman and the whole board, ~~except~~ Messrs Minot, Perry & Hatch.

Semi annual returns

The semi annual returns were received from the masters of all the Schools.

Quarterly Repts

Quarterly reports were made by the Sub committees of all the Schools. Read and accepted.

Gram. Schs.

The committee appointed to visit the English grammar department of the Schools, and critically examine the pupils in all the branches taught therein, in order to ascertain the condition of the same, reported, as on file.

Read and accepted.

Writg Schs.

The committee appointed to visit the writing department of the Schools and critically examine the pupils in all the branches taught therein, in order to ascertain the condition of the same, reported, as on file.

Read and accepted.

Eng. High Sch.

Report was made by the Sub committee of the English High School, as on file.

Read and accepted.

Masters Petn.

Petitions of the grammar masters of the several Schools of the writing masters — and of the Ushers — for an increase of their salaries. Which petitions were read.

Smiths Sch.

Voted, That the salary of the Master of the Smith School be the same as the grammar masters of the other Schools.

Salaries.

The following motions were severally made viz.
"That the salaries of the grammar and writing masters, be determined by the same vote, and made equal."
"That the salaries of the masters of the grammar ~~schools~~ & writing schools shall be sixteen hundred dollars, & the salaries of the ushers of said schools shall be eight hundred dollars, for the year ending August 1837."

Salaries refd.

Voted, that the whole subject of salaries be referred to a committee to report at a future meeting. Messrs. Austin, Gay, Watts, Whittemore and Gordon were nominated & appointed as such committee.

Dillaway declines a re-election.

A letter was received from Charles K. Dillaway, master of the Latin School, declining a re election, for any period beyond the first of October next, on account of the state of his health. Read & thereupon ordered, that the master and other instructors be requested to remain in their respective offices until the period mentioned in Mr. Dillaways letter.

Voted, that Messrs. Emerson, Barrett & Lothrop be a committee to report the names of candidates for principal master of the Latin School.

Masters chosen

Voted, to proceed by ballot to the choice of Masters of all the Schools, except the Latin. Messrs. Macomber and McLellan were appointed a committee to receive sort and count the votes, and the votes being severally taken it appeared that the following persons were chosen viz.

English High School, Solomon P. Miles.

Eliot School,	David B. Tower,	grammar master.	Levi Conant	–	writing master.
Hancock "	William J. Adams	" "	Peter Mackintosh Jr.	"	"
Mayhew "	Moses W. Walker	" "	Aaron D. Capen	"	"
Bowdoin "	Abraham Andrews	" "	James Robinson	"	"
Boylston "	Charles Fox	" "	Abel Wheeler	"	"
Adams "	Samuel Barrett	" "	Josiah Fairbank	"	"
Franklin "	Barnum Field	" "	Otis Pierce	"	"
Wells "	Cornelius Walker	" "	John P. Lothrop	"	"
Hawes "	Joseph Harrington Jr.	"	John A. Harris	"	"
Johnson "	William J. Adams,	Master.			
Winthrop "	Franklin Forbes,	"			
Smith "	Abner Forbes,	"			

Instructors

The following persons were nominated by the Sub committees of the several Schools, for the year ensuing, & they were accordingly appointed to the respective places hereinafter named, viz.

Query: Page 488. W. J. Adams is recorded elected master of the Hancock and of the Johnson Lodge.

See - "Masters transferred", - page 486.

English High School – Thomas Sherwin, sub master – Charles V. Bemis, Usher
Francis M. J. Surault, teacher of French – Jonathan Snelling Instructor
in writing in the Latin & English High Schools.
Eliot School. Albert Bowker & Jacob H. Kent, Ushers Elizabeth Horton &
Sarah E. Simpson, Assistants. Simpson
Hancock School. Sarah C. Horton, Adeline Howe, Mary Ann Pierce, Caroline
A. Reed, Amanda S. Forbes & Abigail W. Packard, Assistants.
Mayhew. Charles Kimball, & Edward Wyman Ushers. & Miss Walker assistant
Bowdoin. ~~Abba H. Gray~~, Mary A. Murdock, Elizabeth Lincoln, Chastine
Lincoln, Frances M. Robinson, Sarah B. Jepson, & Mary S. Robinson, Assistants.
Boylston. Henry Seaver, Usher Mary S. Barker, Matilda Oliver,
E. A. L. Fitzpatrick, Sarah Smallidge & Julia Gates. Assistants.
Adams. { Samuel S. Fairbanks usher George Allen, Jun. Usher – Mary E. Swift, Matilda Chandler, Mary
B. Symmes & Emily N. Gray, (temporary) Assistants.
Franklin. William Bascom Usher Rebecca P. Barry, Margaret Mann, Abba
Ann Curtis, ~~[illegible]~~. Assistants.
Wells – Justin Field, Jun. Usher – Matilda Gerry, Hannah J. Woodman, Louisa B.
Braid – & Charlotte Cutler – Assistants.
Hawes – Jon.a Battles, Jun. Usher Sarah P. Sprague & Sophia Easte – Assistants.
Smith – Sarah Forbes – Assistant.
Johnson –
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Winthrop – John H. Heywood – Albert Bowker, Abby A. S. Walker, Nancy
Brooks, Mary S. Barker, and Eliza L. Felt Assistant teachers.

The meeting was then adjourned.
Attest,
E. S. McCleary,
Secretary.

At a special meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Friday the nineteenth day of August, Anno Domini, 1836.

Present

The Chairman, Messrs. Fields, Gordon, Macomber, Dyer, Robbins, Everett, Walley, Emerson, Bartlett, Minot, Rogers, Barrett, McLellan, Adams, Watts, Perry, Gay and Hatch.

Latin Sch. master.

The committee appointed to nominate a candidate for the office of Master of the Latin School, have attended to the duty assigned them; and in their report, ask leave to present Frederick P. Leverett.

The committee believe it would be superfluous in them to enlarge upon the qualifications of Mr. Leverett. His character as a disciplinarian is fully developed; and his services in the classical department of instruction have placed his reputation beyond the necessity of any encomium.

It is hardly necessary for the committee to say, that they have been deeply impressed with the importance of the duty they have had to perform. The immediate interest of the citizens in the Public Latin School of Boston is sufficient to demand the selection of a Principal Instructor, whose talents and acquirements are of a high order. Nor is this the only interest concerned. The relation in which the School stands, with respect to Harvard University — being its greatest contributor — renders it even an object of national interest; inasmuch as the literary character of the nation is, in no small degree, affected by the influence of that ancient college.

Respectfully submitted. Per order of the committee.

F. Emerson, Chairman.

Read and accepted.

Latin Sch. master chosen.

Voted, to proceed by ballot to the choice of master of the Latin School, and the votes being taken it appeared that Frederick P. Leverett was chosen.

Johnson Sch. master chosen

Voted, that the office of Master of the Johnson School be and hereby is declared as vacant.

Voted, to proceed by ballot to the choice of master of the Johnson School, and the votes being taken, it appeared that Richard G. Parker was chosen.

Johnson Sch Instructors

The sub committee of the Johnson School, nominated the following persons as instructers in said School, viz: Justin Field, Jr. & Lorenzo D. Johnson — as Ushers. Rebecca P. Bowry, Elizabeth S. Towne, Lydia Towne, and Emily N. Gray. Teachers. The sub committee of the Winthrop

School was consulted in conference immediately after their appointment, and Mr. Charles E. H. Richardson selected as the teacher of penmanship, according to the third article of the School regulations; Harriet P. Field & Hannah S. Tirrell, assistant teachers of the Franklin School. Read and accepted, and thereupon voted, that said nominations be and they are hereby confirmed and the above named persons were appointed accordingly.

Academy of Music

Memorial of the Boston Academy of Music, relative to teaching music in the public Schools. Read and referred to Messrs. Gay, Minot, and Adams, to consider and report.

Harris

Memorial of Samuel Harris, and others, respecting the writing master of the Boylston School. Read and referred to Messrs. Robbins, McLellan and Gay, to consider and report.

Salaries

The committee appointed on the 9th instant, to consider & report, upon the salaries of the masters and other instructors of the several schools, respectfully report, That they have given to the subject referred, the mature consideration it demands, and are of opinion, that it is not expedient to make any change in the present amount of the salaries, excepting in that of the writing master of the Hawes School, which they recommend should be raised from its present amount of one thousand dollars to an equality with that of the other writing masters in the employ of the City.

For the committee Ivers J. Austin.

motion to amend

A motion was made to amend the above report, by striking out all the words after the word report, and in lieu thereof insert "That the salaries of the masters of the grammar and writing schools & the salaries of the principals of the Johnson & Winthrop schools be equal, and that fifteen hundred dollars be the sum allowed for each." which motion did not ~~obtain~~ prevail.

School return

The Chairman of this board who was appointed on on the tenth day of May last, to prepare and make a return of the Schools of the City agreeably to law, reported such return, which was read and accepted, & the members present severally signed the same, being a majority of the whole board and oath required by law was administered to them by Samuel F. McCleary a Justice of the peace for the County of Suffolk. And thereupon ordered, that the return so made and certified be returned to the Secretary of State's office pursuant to the statute in that case made & provided.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to meet at this place on tuesday the 30th instant, at 4 o'Clock, P. M.

Adjourned to that time and place accordingly.

Attest,

F. McCleary, Secretary

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the thirtieth day of August, Anno Domini, 1836.

Present

Messrs Quincy, Gordon, Macomber, Palmer, Robbins, Emerson, Bartlett, Minot, Rogers, Barrett, Lothrop, McLellan, Adams, Young, Perry and Hatch.

Chairman pro tem. The Chairman being absent, Josiah Quincy, Junior, Esquire was chosen Chairman pro tempore.

Salaries, Voted, That the salaries of the Masters of the grammar and writing schools be equal.

Upon the question of passing this vote, the yeas and nays being required were taken as follows viz;

Yeas & nays. Yeas. Messrs Gordon, Macomber, Palmer, Robbins, Emerson, Bartlett, Rogers, McLellan, Perry and Hatch. . . . . 10.

Nays. Messrs Minot, Barrett, Lothrop and Adams . . . . 4.

Latin Sch. Voted, That the salary of the Master of the Latin School be twenty four hundred dollars per annum.

Eng. High. Voted, That the salary of the Master of the English High School be twenty four hundred dollars per annum.

Gr. & writg. Voted, That the salaries of the masters of the grammar and writing schools, be fifteen hundred dollars per ann. each.

Johnson & Winthrop Voted, That the salaries of the masters of the Johnson & Winthrop Schools, be fifteen hundred dollars per ann. each.

Sub masters ushers &c. Voted, That the salaries of the sub masters, ushers and other instructers of the several Schools, be the same as they were the last year.

Voted, That the subject of the salary of the teachers of writing in the Johnson and Winthrop Schools be postponed.

Female Teachers Ordered, That the several sub committees be instructed to state in their next quarterly reports, the number of female teachers employed in their respective schools; also, to state how many scholars there are for each instructor, allowing the average number of the daily attendance to be divided by the number of instructers.

Johnson & Winthrop Sch.

Voted, That the Johnson and Winthrop Schools be opened for the reception of pupils immediately after the present vacation, viz.: on the 12th day of September next.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

W. H. McCleary,

Secretary.

At a special meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday, the twenty first day of September, Anno Domini, 1836.

Present

The Chairman. Messrs Quincy, Fiske, Ayer, Palmer, Robbins, Walley, Bartlett, Barrett, McLellan, Adams, Watts, Young, Austin & Gay.

Eng. H. Sch. pupils

Voted, that the rule respecting the examination & admission of pupils to the English High School be so far suspended, as to admit certain pupils which have been offered for admission this year notwithstanding they were not offered in season for such admission, if on examination they shall be deemed duly qualified.

Adams Sch.

Voted, that the sub committee of the Adams School be authorized to make such regulations respecting the admission and attendance of pupils at said School, as they may deem expedient.

Wells Sch.

Voted, that the sub committee of the Wells School be authorized to appoint two female teachers instead of an Usher. The former usher being removed to the Johnson School.

Mayhew Sch. Usher

The sub committee of the Mayhew School nominated Paul F. Sweetser, as Usher of said School, from the 14th instant, instead of Edward Wyman, resigned, and he was appointed accordingly.

Rules-motion to amend.

The following motion to amend the rules was made & laid upon the table viz: Page 6. line 16. After the word "Chairman" erase the words "and shall be expressive of the sense of a majority of any such committee" & in lieu thereof insert the following - "And a sense of a majority of those present shall be decisive of any matter before them until the next meeting of the whole board."

Rules motion to amend

The following motion was made & laid upon the table viz. Voted, That a special sub committee be appointed who shall divide the City into districts corresponding in number to the number of the Schools.

Voted, That hereafter all children shall be required to attend the School within the district of which they shall respectively reside.

Tuttle Boylston Sch

Voted, that the sub committee of the Boylston School be instructed to investigate the facts in reference to Miss Almira Tuttle's alleged suspension from said School, with full power to take such measures as to her admission into the Johnson School, as they shall deem expedient.

Dana Wheeler Writing M. Boylston Sch.

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of George Dana, and twelve others, requesting the removal of Mr. Wheeler, Writing master of the Boylston School, offer the following

Report. The committee attended to the duty assigned them, on Wednesday 14th Sept.

Deeming the charges to be of a very serious nature, involving, if substantiated, the removal of an Instructer who has been in the service of the City, without censure, for eleven years, they gave the matter the most thorough & candid investigation that circumstances & their ability permitted.

And after weighing all the testimony adduced on the part of the memorialists, with what appeared in behalf of the Instructer are unanimously of opinion, that there are no sufficient grounds for the dismission or censure of Mr. Wheeler. At the same time, they feel it to be incumbent upon them to recommend to the writing master of the Boylston School, that he carefully guard against certain peculiarities of discipline, which though not in the abstract deserving of censure, have it seems, given offence to some parents and children affected thereby. They allude to the indulgence of humour in remarks made to children before the School; and also to singular modes of punishment. They consider personal allusions whether to the peculiarities of the child, or to the occupation of the parent, to be entirely out of place in the intercourse of the School-room; and deem simplicity & regularity in modes of punishment adopted in large public Schools to be the most expedient & salutary.

Ridicule is a very dangerous instrument for the correction of children; & amusement has no lawful congruity with punishment. The offender should be presented to his companions as an object of pity - not of

derision & punishment should be inflicted & witnessed as a serious and a ludicrous affair.

The best disciplinarians — those who govern by steadiness & firmness mingled with affection & interest, will, they think, be always found to make of ridicule a very sparing use. They will not be ingenious in torturing those who fall under disgrace; nor furnish to the companions of the punished child armour with which to attack and wound him in their plays. A Scholar often held up to ridicule will, necessarily, hate his Instructer and may very possibly acquire distaste to all instruction & recklessness under censure. Entertaining these views, they consider it a matter of no trifling importance to the best conduct of the Boylston School, that its W. M. should use his diligence to avoid, as above stated certain peculiarities of discipline which have heretofore given offence.

All which is respectfully submitted —

Chandler Robbins, for the committee.

The foregoing report was read and accepted, & thereupon Ordered, that Mr. Wheeler, be furnished with a Copy of the same.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

S. M. Cleary,
Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on tuesday, the eleventh day of October, Anno Domini, 1836. —

Present.

The Chairman — Messrs. Fiske, Gordon, Ayer, Palmer, Robbins, Walley, Bartlett, Minot, Rogers, Barrett, Lothrop, McLellan, Adams, Young, Gustin, Perry, Gay and Hatch.

Latin Sch. Frederick P. Leverett, who was chosen on the nineteenth day of August last, master of the Latin School, having died before entering upon the duties of said office. Thereupon ordered, that Messrs. Lothrop, Minot, Barrett, Adams and Perry, be a committee to report the names of candidates for master of said School.

Adams Sch. The sub committee of the Adams School nominated George Allen, as Usher of said School in place of Samuel A. Fairbanks, resigned, and he was appointed accordingly.

Johnson Sch. The master of the Johnson School having refused to admit Mary A. Hammond as a pupil of said School. Whereupon ordered, that the subject of her admission be referred to the sub committee of said School.

Adams Sch. master. The sub committee of the Adams School made a communication, "that the Master of that School, did on Thursday, the 27th. ultimo, dismiss his school, for the whole day in direct violation of the School regulations, and without asking leave of the sub committee, or informing or consulting them at all on the subject." And it was also stated that other masters had dismissed their Schools in like manner Read, and the following votes were passed viz:

Schools - resolution of. Whereas representations have been made to the School committee that some of the public schools were dismissed on tuesday the twenty seventh of September ultimo, without permission and in direct ~~violation~~ defiance of the printed regulations.

Therefore voted, that this board do hereby pronounce the unauthorized dismission of a public school by its master as an unfaithful discharge of his duty, and an inexcusable assumption of authority which is disrespectful to the board and pernicious in its effects as an example of insubordination from those who should be scrupulously careful to obey.

Voted, that this board do hereby signify to the several masters, that they expect a strict and literal compliance with all the regulations, and that no further violation of them will be allowed to pass without pointed and particular censure.

Voted, that the Secretary transmit a copy of the foregoing to each of the several masters.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

S. H. McCleary

Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on tuesday the eighth day of November A.D. 1836.

Present

The Chairman and the whole board except Messrs. Fiske, Emerson Barrett, & Watts & Macomber.

Quarterly Reports

Quarterly reports were made by the sub committees of all the Schools, which were severally read.

Latin Sch.

The sub committee of the Latin School among other things reported; "The death of Mr. Leverett caused a vacancy which has been temporarily filled by Mr. Dillaway, who kindly volunteered to retain his situation until a new appointment could be made by this board."

Eng. H. Sch. Usher

The sub committee of the English High School, among other things reported; "Mr. Charles V. Bennis has resigned his office of Usher. Mr. George Washington Minns has been employed in his place, and the committee now nominate him for the office of Usher." Which nomination was confirmed and he was appointed accordingly.

Eliot Sch. teacher

The sub committee of the Eliot School among other things reported that "Mr. Bowker, Usher in the grammar ~~school~~ department has been confined to his house by sickness for a few weeks past; his place has been temporarily supplied by a gentleman from the University at Cambridge. That Mr. Bowker will probably return to his school in a few days.

Miss Simpson of the grammar department having resigned another young Lady has been engaged to supply the deficiency. She has been in the School since October 29th & appears to have given good satisfaction." The committee nominated Sarah E. White as teacher in the grammar department in place of Miss Simpson resigned. Which nomination was confirmed and she was appointed accordingly.

Hancock Sch.

The sub committee of the Hancock School among other things reported "that Misses Sarah C. Horton & Caroline A. Reed have resigned their situation as assistants in the School, and they would propose the names of Harriet N. Harmon & Adelaide Augusta Jones for election in their stead." ~~Which~~ Which nomination was confirmed, & they were appointed accordingly.

Johnson School.

The sub committee of the Johnson School among other things reported "that a committee be appointed who in the name and on the behalf of this board and by their special order shall request the committee on the buildings to discontinue the passage between Tremont & Washington streets through the yard of the Johnson School, and to cause the same to be inclosed like those

of

of any other School house in the City" Accepted, and thereupon ordered, that Mr. Austin, Doctors Perry & Adams be a committee for that purpose.

Writing master Salary

Voted, that the teacher of writing in the Johnson and Winthrop Schools be twelve hundred dollars per annum payable quarterly.

Latin Sch. master nom.

The committee appointed to nominate to this board some suitable person as candidate for Master of the Public Latin School; ask leave respectfully, to report:—

That they have endeavoured to attend to the duty assigned them, with the fidelity its importance demanded. They have made thorough & extensive inquiries respecting the qualifications of the different individuals desirous of obtaining the situation. Have extended their inquiries also to the qualifications of others, who they have thought might be disposed to accept it. This course has brought before the consideration of the committee a large number of names, & though among these there are two or three gentlemen of whom the committee in common with all who know them think very highly, neither of whom, if placed at the head of the School, would probably be unsuccessful, in conducting it; the committee have yet found no difficulty in coming to a decision among themselves. After mature deliberation, they have with the most entire unanimity, determined to present to this board, Mr. Epes Sargent Dixwell, of this City, as a person, whose unquestionable talents, thorough scholarship, high character & general standing in the community, eminently qualify him, for the office of master of the Public Latin School.

Mr. Dixwell was prepared for college, at this School, under that able & distinguished teacher Mr. Gould, & received some of its highest honors. The reputation he carried with him to the University was sustained & increased during his college course. Upon leaving Cambridge Mr. Dixwell was employed one or two years in teaching; first in the English High School, under Mr. Miles, & subsequently in the Latin School itself; in both which situations, his entire success, and the unqualified satisfaction he gave to all with whom he was connected the committee cannot but regard as sure pledges of an equal success in the higher office with which it is now proposed to entrust him. From all they can learn, the committee have reason to believe that this nomination will meet with the approbation of all who feel an interest in the condition & character of the Latin School, & that the other candidates for the office, will themselves feel & acknowledge that no injustice has been done their claims.

All which is respectfully submitted.

For the committee

S. K. Lothrop.

The foregoing report was read and accepted. Thereupon

Voted

Latin Sch. Master chosen.

Voted to proceed by ballot to the choice of master of the Latin School, and the votes being taken, it appeared that Epes Sargent Dixwell was chosen.

The board was then adjourned.

Attest,

E. M. McCleary,
Jun. Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the twenty seventh day of December, Anno Domini, 1836.

Present.

Samuel T. Armstrong, Mayor, Chairman.

Messrs. Quincy, Fiske, Macomber, Palmer, Walley, Emerson, Minot, Rogers, Barrett, Lothrop, McLellan, Adams, Young, Austin, Gay & Hall.

Latin Sch.

The sub committee of the Latin School, ask leave respectfully to report:— That since the last meeting of this board, Epes S.d Dixwell, Esq. has entered upon the duties as head master of the Latin School, and in accordance with his suggestions after a careful deliberation they would propose the following alterations in the requisitions necessary for admission into that Seminary.

1st. They recommend that the 2d. section of the regulations be amended by striking out the word "nine" & inserting the word "eleven".

2d. That the qualifications for admission be raised by inserting after the 4th. line of the 4th. section "shall understand mental & the simple rules of written arithmetic & be able to answer the map questions of Worcester's Modern Geography."

Wm. Sebastian F. Streeter having resigned the office of sub master on account of ill health the com.ee recommend that his salary be paid to the end of the quarter on which he had commenced amounting to but little more than a months wages.

They also nominate Mr. Francis Gardner who has been sometime usher, to the office of sub master— and Mr. Benjamin B. Appleton, Jun.r as Usher.

They also recommend, that the salary of the sub master be raised to fifteen hundred dollars. And that of the Usher to eight hundred dollars a year. All which is respectfully submitted by the sub com.ee

Josiah Quincy, Jr. Chairman.

The above nominations were confirmed, and the above named Gentlemen were appointed accordingly to the respective offices mentioned above. And the salary of Mr. Streeter was continued to the end of the quarter as above recommended. The remainder of the report was laid on the table.

Lothrop. Loring Lothrop's account for services as Usher pro tem. in the Eliot School from Nov. 6th to Nov. 24. 1836 - $37.50 allowed:

Wells Sch. The Sub comtee of the Wells School nominated Sarah Otis & Sarah F. Davis, as assistant teachers, which nomination was confirmed & they were appointed accordingly.

Secretary Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to the Secretary of this board, two hundred dollars, in full for his services the present year, including also making an index of the records from 1815 to 1836 inclusive, and recording the same.

Messenger Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Johnson Colby, One hundred dollars, in full for his services as messenger of this board, the current year.

The meeting was then adjourned without day. —

Attest:

E. M. Cleary

Secretary.

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Horace Andrews	Telous Bates Tower	Samuel H. Austin	Edward Brewer.
Samuel Kneeland, jr.	Geo. Fra. Eveleth.	Charles Beal.	Wm Henry Kent
Benjamin Pond.	James Kelt, jr.	Wm P. Brimhall	Nath. A. Daniels
Samuel F. McCleary jr.	Elm. White Dugan.	Wm I. Clark.	Horatio B. Hersey
William R. Bagnall.	Franklin	James W. Nash.	Edw. P. Gray
Adams.	George Andrews	Wm G. Reed.	Hartwell Lincoln.
Luther C. Cushing.	George Chapin.	Boylston.	Wells.
Arthur E. Stephenson.	Charles Eustis.	James C. Tileston	Gustavus L. Bradford
Fra. F. Niebuhr.	Hawes.	Geo D. Dana	Geo. H. Pollock
_____	Oliver J. Grinnell.	Lewis E. Bailey	Geo. J. Sumner
_____	Benj. W. How.	_____	_____
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Franklin.
Maria A. Field
Elizabeth Mann.
Martha E. Towne

Hancock
Mary A. Rice.
Frances M. L. Decker.
Eliza S. Davis.
Mary E. Butterfield.
Charlotte A. V. Cutler.
Martha H. Moore.

Hawes.
Julia M. Baxter
Abby P. Bedlington
Lucinda H. Pope

Boylston.
Elizabeth Bowker
Mary E. Cotton
Catharine M. E. Richardson

Adams.
Elizabeth E. Clark
Mary A. Coolidge
Mary E. Stone

Wells.
Ellen M. Hall.
Mary Jane Pomeroy
Mary E. Barnes.

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